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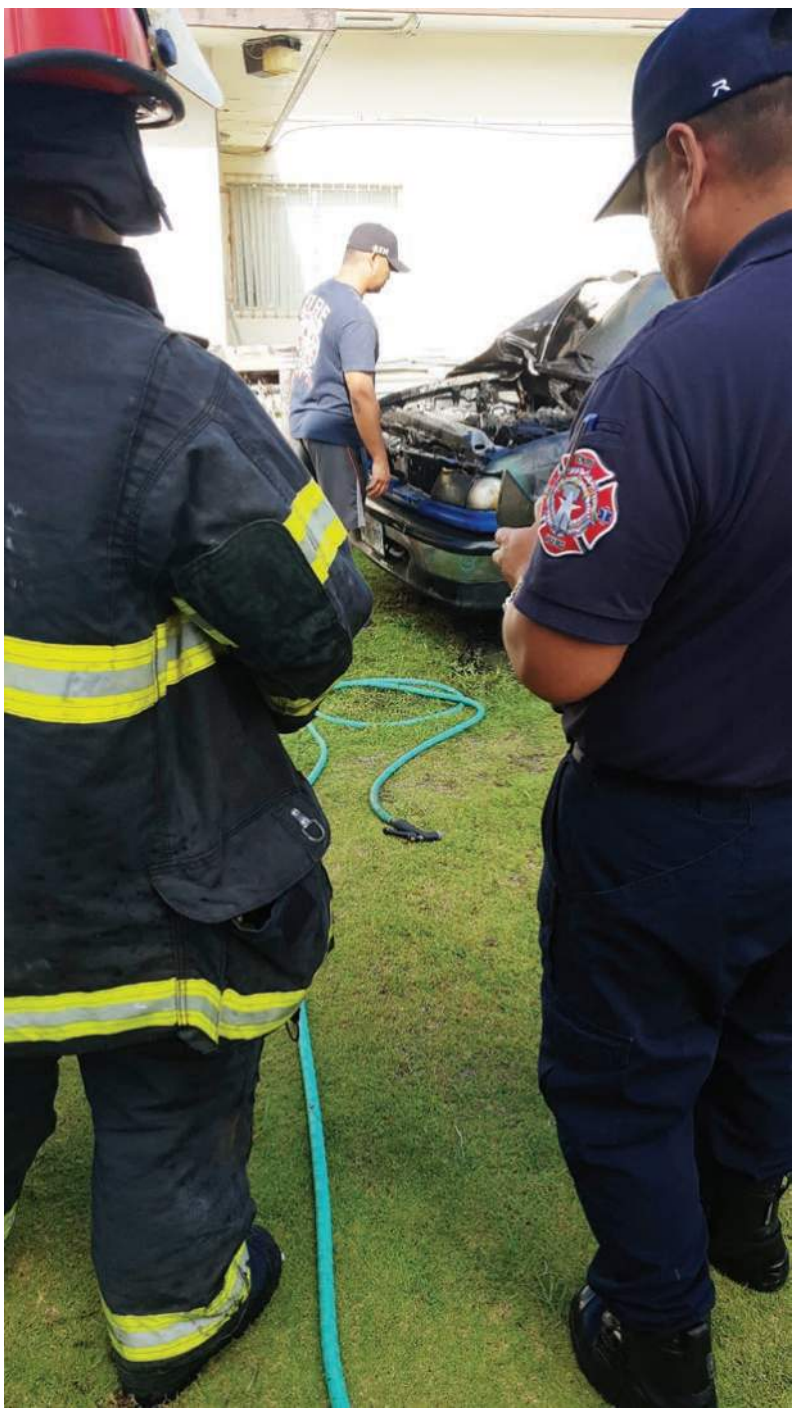

First responders check the damage on a Mazda pickup truck that caught fire while it was parked at the Saipan Community School in Susupe Saturday afternoon.

DFEMS

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In separate incidents on Friday and Saturday, engine failure reportedly triggered a fire that engulfed a car, while mechanical and wiring problems caused a blaze at a parked pickup truck.

The first incident happened on Chalan Monsignor Martinez Road in Koblerville Friday morning, while the second fire occurred at the Saipan Community School parking lot in Susupe Saturday afternoon. No one was hurt in both fires.

In the first incident, the 44-year-old

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CNMI welcomes King of Madolenihmw

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The Pohnpeian community in the CNMI, along with organizers of the Pacific Islands Bilingual Bicultural Association and Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, gathered at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport yesterday to welcome the King of Madolenihmw.

King Kerbet Hebel (Isipahu Nanmwarki en Wein Madolenihmw) and Queen Rihna Une Abraham (Likend Kelekel) arrived on Saipan at around 8:30am yesterday to participate in the PIBBA conference that kicked off yesterday.

The Pohnpeian community gathered at the airport with numerous *mwars*, leis, and gifts as offerings for the king of the largest municipality in Pohnpei, Madolenihmw.

Hebel is the first *nan marki* or Pohnpeian king to visit the island of Saipan and the first Pohnpeian

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The *nan marki* (king) of Madolenihmw, Kerbet Hebel, is welcomed by the Pohnpeian community as he enters for the *sakau* ceremony at the Garapan Central Park.

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Farm Bill excludes funding for CNMI E-NAP

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The 2018 Farm Bill the U.S. House of Representatives passed last Thursday did not include funding for the E-NAP food assistance program in the CNMI.

Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) affirmed with *Saipan Tribune* that the five-year Farm Bill the U.S. House passed last week excludes funding for the CNMI E-NAP food assistance program. The CNMI, although not part of the E-NAP program, got $32.5 million in the 2014 Farm Bill.

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NMTI recognizes top achievers

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The Northern Marianas Trades Institute recognized the achievements of its former students and other individuals in last Friday night's Denim & Diamonds Gala at the Hibiscus Hall of the Fiesta Resort & Spa-Saipan.

The award program, including the event, was the brainchild of NMTI chief executive officer Agnes M. McPhetres after seeing the need for the community to "show ownership of the only true trades school in the CNMI."

"[The awards program] serves as a vehicle that allows us to celebrate the many contributions made by [community] members. It's our way of saying thank you to our stakeholders," said Glenn Hunter, who emceed the event with Reina Camacho.

Jose Manahane Delos Reyes, Brianna Tudela Humphries, Archibald Ajoste, Brianna Humphries, Earl John Bordon, and Manju Pandey, and the Associated Insurance Underwriters of the Pacific were the recipients of the awards.

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Delos Reyes, also known as *Tun* Pepe Onio, was posthumously honored with the Vicente Sablan Award for Trailblazer in Trades for inspiring the community. His son, Jose Reyes, received the award on his behalf.

He was born during the Japanese period and later received training under the Central Intelligence Agency's Naval Training Unit more than five years after the CNMI was liberated during World War II.

Delos Reyes became an automotive mechanic and people would bring their cars, jeeps, and trucks to him to get checked and repaired after work or during weekends. He was one of the figures that developed an interest in automotive technology.

Humphries was honored with the Donicio Torres Award for Construction Trades Student Achievement for her many accomplishments.

She has already finished carpentry, electrical, and masonry, and has added welding to her list of skills she has learned at NMTI. Some of her metal artworks were displayed and even auctioned off at the gala.

Ajoste earned the Jose Ayuyu Award for Hotel & Restaurant Operations for his accomplishments in the field. He learned the trade in the U.S. mainland even before attending NMTI. He was hired as a regular wait staff at Kanoa Resort after coming back to the CNMI and later enrolled at NMTI in order to expand his credentials and at the advice of his manager. He was promoted as Kanoa's food and beverage supervisor while still at NMTI.

Bordon, who is currently enrolled in a pastry course at the prestigious Le Courdon Bleu Culinary School in London, was recognized with the Anthony Pellegrino Award for Career Achievement. His mother, Catherine Bordon, received the award on his behalf.

He finished the culinary arts program at NMTI and later landed a job at the Hyatt Regency Saipan where he became interested in pastries. His pastry supervisor encouraged him to apply at the London culinary school.

Pandey, who is currently in Nepal, was given the Robert H. Jones Award for Culinary Arts Student Achievement. She operates Java Joe's with husband, Mahesh Thapa. She was already practicing her culinary skills even before signing up for NMTI's culinary arts program. Thapa and her brother, Shiva Pandey, received the award on her behalf.

AIUP was this year's recipient of the Jose C. Tenorio (Joeten) Award for Benefactor of the Year for its contributions to NMTI. The company played an active role in NMTI's programs through its educational tax credit donations.

BEACH CLEANUP
The Tinian Health Center and future students of Tinian Junior High School collaborated in a cleanup of Tachogna Beach on Saturday, June 13, 2018. Special thank you to Sylvia San Nicholas, Hazel Contesa, and the students for their contributions.
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DPS says it is neutral on marijuana bill

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The Department of Public Safety has no position where it agrees or not with the marijuana legislation offered by Sen. Sixto K. Igisomar (Rep-Saipan).

When asked about DPS' stand on the cannabis legislation, DPS spokesperson Jacqueline Rae Shepard said Friday that the department as well as many residents are just monitoring as the marijuana bill makes its way through the legislative process.

"Once a decision is reached, DPS will honor and uphold the laws set forth by our lawmakers," Shepard said. She did not elaborate.

Igisomar's bill legalizes the recreational and medicinal use of cannabis in the CNMI and creates the cannabis commission to regulate it.

At last week's meeting, House of Representatives legal counsel John Cool said the intent of the bill is to regulate and legalize the recreational and medicinal use of marijuana—not to generate revenue.

This was Cool's response to Rep. Blas Jonathan Attao's (Ind-Saipan) question why the penalties for driving under the influence of cannabis were not omitted from the bill while fees and taxations pertaining to cannabis consumables were.

Cool also replied that the penalties were more of a deterrence rather than a revenue-generating provision.

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CNMI Liberation Day

The Marianas Visitors Authority is pleased to be a sponsor of this year's CNMI Liberation Day festivities, one of the largest annual community events in The Marianas.

Conveniently located at Garapan Fishing Base in the main tourism district of Garapan, the festivities will run from June 29-July 7, 2018, beginning at 6 p.m. each night. The festival will feature nightly food and drink sales, live entertainment, games, exhibits, arts and crafts, and BINGO. Special events include military band performances, a $10,000 grand prize raffle, a movie night, guest appearance by recording artist Leilani Wolfgramm, and fireworks. Entry for visitors and community members is free.

Liberation Day is celebrated annually to mark the release in 1946 of Saipan and Tinian residents from World War II civilian camps. Following the invasion of the islands by U.S. forces on June 15, 1944, the large civilian population was held by the U.S. military in three camps: Camp Susupe and Camp Chalan Kanoa in Saipan and Camp Chulu in Tinian. Upon the end of the war, island residents were granted increasing allowance under guard to leave the camps during the day for subsistence farming and other activities, receiving full liberty to return to their homes permanently with the closure of the camps on July 4,1946. Liberation Day is observed annually with a parade and other patriotic and cultural festivities. This year's parade on July 4 will be at 3 p.m. from National Office Supply to Garapan Fishing Base.

This year's theme also supports the natural beauty of The Marianas with the theme **"For Sea to Shining Sea"** in conjunction with the International Year of the Reef.

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Yamamoto wants suit over ship dismissed with finality

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Investor Takahisa Yamamoto now wants his lawsuit over the controversial cargo ship M/V *Luta* dismissed with finality.

Yamamoto, through counsel George Lloyd Hasselback, is amending his motion to dismiss his lawsuit against Lt. Gov. Victor Hocog, Luta Mermaid LLC and its officers, this time seeking dismissal of all his claims with prejudice.

Dismissal with prejudice means Yamamoto can no longer re-file his lawsuit.

Yamamoto submitted the amendment in federal court. last Friday.

Early this month, U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona ruled that, if Yamamoto does not want to seek dismissal of his lawsuit with prejudice, it is inclined to set a condition that he will be liable to pay costs and attorneys' fees.

Citing precedent, Manglona said defense counsel expenses are not a reason to deny a voluntary dismissal motion but the court has the discretion to condition the dismissal without prejudice "upon the payment of appropriate costs and attorney fees."

Manglona allowed Yamamoto to withdraw no later than last Friday, June 22, his motion to dismiss without prejudice and resume prosecuting his claims, or to amend it so as to seek dismissal with prejudice.

Dismissal without prejudice means Yamamoto may re-file the lawsuit.

Yamamoto recently notified the court of his intent to drop his lawsuit without prejudice.

Hocog, Luta Mermaid LLC and its officers Abelina T. Mendiola, Deron T. Mendiola, and Fidel S. Mendiola III, do not oppose dismissal without prejudice so long as it is conditioned on payment of their costs and attorneys' fees.

In Yamamoto's reply, Hasselback requested that if the court so conditions a dismissal without prejudice, he be permitted to withdraw his motion or to amend it to seek dismissal with prejudice.

Hasselback earlier told *Saipan Tribune* that M/V *Luta* is already in Guam and that another company now owns the vessel.

Hasselback also disclosed that Yamamoto has returned to Japan and that there was no settlement agreement reached between Yamamoto, Hocog, Luta Mermaid LLC, and its officers.

Yamamoto sued Hocog, Luta Mermaid, and its officer for allegedly refusing to pay back the $3.4 million that he put up for the vessel.

DPH urges NMI Micro Games delegation to get mumps shots

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The CNMI Division of Public Health is advising the Commonwealth's 138-strong delegation to this year's Micronesian Games to get vaccinated before leaving for Yap next month.

Yap State in the Federated States of Micronesia is hosting the ninth edition of the quadrennial Micro Games, but is currently experiencing a mumps (parotitis) outbreak.

The Micro Games is set from July 15 to 27.

In an email to Northern Marianas Sports Association president Michael A. White, DPH Communicable Disease Bureau immunization program manager Jeremy Sasamoto said the MMR (mumps, measles, rubella) vaccine is free and they want to prevent mumps from entering the CNMI.

"I wish nothing but success for you and our athletes. I hope we bring back a bunch of medals. However, I'm afraid we may unknowingly bring back mumps to the CNMI as well," said Sasamoto. "My job at [DPH] is to prevent the introduction and spread of communicable diseases into our community."

Even family members who will join the trip should also get immunized.

"We recommend that all persons going to Yap, including family members [and friends] accompanying athletes and coaches, be vaccinated with the MMR vaccine for protection against mumps 28 days before they depart," said Sasamoto.

There's still two weeks or 14 days before the delegation departs for Yap.

"The more people who get vaccinated, the more difficult it is for the diseases to be introduced and spread into our homes, our schools, and our places of work," Sasamoto said, adding that Team CNMI should get immunized as soon as possible for antibodies to develop.

"One cannot get vaccinated today and be protected tomorrow. It doesn't work that way. Vaccines need time to build antibodies in our system in order to fight and kill any diseases that enter our bodies."

Sasamoto said he wants to make it convenient for Team CNMI. "I'm here to make that as easy and convenient as I possibly can. I'm willing to bring our services to our coaches, athletes, and their families to their homes, places of work, school, team meetings, team practices, anywhere our people will be. I'm willing to go there and provide the MMR vaccine for free, even after working hours and weekends."

White has encouraged all groups that will be sending athletes, coaches, and officials to the Games to receive MMR shots before they leave for Yap.

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Guam's Athena McNinch receives Congressional Award gold medal

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The U.S. Congress recognized exemplary young adults throughout the country last week and presented them with the Congressional Award Gold Medal.

Guam resident Athena McNinch was among this year's honorees, receiving the Congressional Award's highest achievement, the Gold Medal.

McNinch is a recent graduate of the University of Guam where she received her bachelor of criminal justice and public administration this past May 2018.

She was recognized for her work with numerous nonprofit organizations, volunteering over 800 hours of community service. She is a Truman Scholar and is currently interning in Delegate Madeleine Z. Bordallo's Washington, D.C. office.

The Congressional Award is the U.S. Congress' award for young Americans and recognizing outstanding achievement in voluntary public service, personal development, physical fitness, and expedition/exploration. This year, Guam was recognized for having the highest number of new Congressional Award participants in the nation, with 80 new youth and young adults signing up to participate.

"The Congressional Award is an opportunity for youth and young adults to become involved in our community and develop skills that will benefit them in the future. I am proud to support the Congressional Award program and recognizing these exemplary individuals for their leadership and service on Guam and throughout our country," said Bordallo.

"Today, I was pleased to join my colleagues in recognizing Guam's own Athena McNinch for attaining the Congressional Award's highest level, the Gold Medal. Athena has gone above and beyond in her service activities. I am proud of her achievements and look forward to her continuing to give back to our community." ***(PR)***

Guam resident Athena McNinch is among this year's honorees, receiving the Congressional Award's highest achievement, the Gold Medal.

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king to participate in the PIBBA conference.

According to Pohnpeian community spokesperson Grace Viaegae, it is an honor to have the *nan marki* of Madolenihmw visit the island of Saipan because of his importance in the entirety of Pohnpei. She said that Hebel is the top chief among four others that make up the five municipalities of Pohnpei.

"He is the paramount chief of Madolenihmw municipality, making him the highest among all the Nanmwarkis," she said.

Viaegae said that Hebel's visit has brought excitement to the Pohnpeian community in the CNMI because it's not every day that you get to welcome the highest chief of Pohnpei.

"…It is a privilege and an honor for the Pohnpeian community to host him. … This is something that is out of the ordinary; it is very honorable," she said.

Following his arrival, the Pohnpeian community in the CNMI organized a traditional *sakau* ceremony to honor Hebel and to enable him as *nan marki* of Madolenihmw to confer an honorary traditional title on Torres.

The opening ceremony featured the *sakau*, a traditional Pohnpeian drink, and an *uhm*, a traditional Pohnpeian pig roasting.

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female driver was not hurt as she was able to get out of the vehicle before the fire spread, according to the Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services.

Acting DFEMS spokesperson Bobbie Jean Taisacan said they received a call from the Department of Public Safety's 911 about a car on fire in front of the ABCD Market on Friday at 7:53am.

Taisacan said DFEMS firefighters and emergency medical technicians from Garapan, Susupe, and Koblerville fire stations immediately responded to the scene. Firefighters fully extinguished the blaze at 8:17am.

The driver of the car, a 2001 Hyundai Sonata with license plate ADE 592, told responders that she was driving south when she noticed smoke coming out from under the car's hood.

The driver pulled over to the side of the road in front of the ABCD Market to check and saw flames coming out from underneath the hood.

A man assisted the driver with a bucket of water to put out the fire. Taisacan said the fire, however, rekindled and then fully engulfed the vehicle.

Taisacan said arson investigators determined that the origin of the fire was from the engine due to engine failure. DFEMS classified the matter as accidental and closed the case.

In the second blaze, a 40-year-old maintenance worker at Saipan Community School called DPS 911 Saturday afternoon when he noticed smoke coming out of the hood of a parked blue Mazda pickup truck with license plate AEH 392.

The maintenance worker then tried to extinguish the fire using a garden hose until emergency responders arrived.

Taisacan said they received the 911 call at 3:40pm.

Initial investigation showed that the pickup truck, owned by Saipan Community School, sustained moderate heat and smoke damage.

Taisacan said arson investigators determined that the fire started in the engine compartment and spread.

Fire pattern revealed that the blaze spread rapidly in the engine compartment from ignitable items in the truck.

Investigators learned that the truck had an oil change last year.

Taisacan said clean burns also showed that the fire's point of origin was the engine compartment.

Investigators concluded that the cause of fire was due to mechanical and wiring issues and therefore accidental.

Last June 13, three persons were injured when a car that struck another vehicle caught fire at the Beach Road-Quartermaster intersection. No one suffered burns.

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In a previous interview, Sablan is ultimately eyeing over $42 million in benefits for the CNMI. That would happen once the CNMI is at the same level as Guam in terms of assistance programs.

"…Getting more money in [U.S.] Congress for E-NAP now, when the Commonwealth government still has millions unspent is not possible," Sablan explained in an email.

He noted that, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the CNMI would have an excess of $23 million unspent federal funds by the end of fiscal year 2019.

"That money could be used to make more Marianas households eligible. Lifting the income cap from $17,412 to $25,000 per year, for instance, would help about 2,000 households—retirees, those on fixed incomes or earning low wages," said Sablan.

Sablan wrote Gov. Ralph DLG Torres in June 12, 2018, urging him to use the money and make "more families eligible" for the program. Sablan claims that when he released data from the USDA early this year, it resulted in the CNMI "lifting E-NAP benefits to the national level."

"I hope that bringing the issue to the governor's attention now, again, may convince him to lift household income caps and get food assistance to more who need it," said Sablan.

In an interview yesterday, Torres said he would be issuing a statement this week after further review of the Farm Bill.

The new Farm Bill also includes a provision that bans cockfighting in the U.S., including the its territories like the CNMI and Guam.

The 2018 Farm Bill now heads to the U.S. Senate.

According to Christina Sablan, Delegate Sablan's deputy communications director and outreach coordinator, changes made to the Farm Bill, which may include appropriating funds for the NMI, would have to originate from the U.S. Senate.

According to a statement from the Delegate Madeleine Z. Bordallo (D-GU), the U.S. House passed the Agriculture and Nutrition Act of 2018 (also known as the Farm Bill) on a mostly party-line vote of 213 to 211.

Last month, Bordallo took to the House floor with her colleagues Rep. Stacey E. Plaskett (D-USVI) and Resident Commissioner Jenniffer Gonzalez-Colon (R-PR) to oppose this federal ban on cockfighting, describing it as federal overreach.

This is the second vote House Republicans have held on the 2018 Farm Bill, after the first vote failed by a vote of 198-213, due to universal opposition from Democrats over cuts to federal nutrition programs like SNAP (commonly known as food stamps). Some conservative Republicans voted against the Farm Bill in May, demanding that the House first vote on hardline anti-immigration legislation.

The House-passed 2018 Farm Bill will be re-worked into a compromise Farm Bill with the U.S. Senate, after the Senate passes its own version of the Farm Bill (S.3042, the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018).

"Bordallo has made clear to the Senate Agriculture Committee that she strongly opposes any effort to impose the federal cockfighting ban on U.S. territories without our consent," the statement adds.

The version of the 2018 Farm Bill (S.3042) reported by the Senate Agriculture Committee on June 28, 2018, does not include provisions imposing the federal cockfighting ban on U.S. territories. However, any senator may offer such an amendment to the bill (S.3042) on the Senate floor in the coming weeks.

"In addition to gutting food stamps for our neediest families in this Farm Bill, House Republicans chose to override Guam's local laws regulating cockfighting and backhand U.S. territories in a way they would never attempt for the 50 states. Forcing this ban on Guam and the other territories against our will and without even allowing us a vote on the House floor is paternalistic and deeply unfair," said Bordallo. "All five members of Congress from the territories strongly oppose this federal cockfighting ban and were never consulted on this provision. I have made clear to the U.S. Senate that the territories oppose any highhanded effort to override our local laws."

Drunk woman reportedly causes 2-car crash

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An intoxicated female driver reportedly caused a collision between two vehicles that ended up with her car flipped on its side along Chalan Pale Arnold Road in Tanapag last June 15.

No one sustained significant injuries during the accident that happened during daytime, police said.

Department of Public Safety spokesperson Jacqueline Rae Shepard told *Saipan Tribune* last Friday that a 48-year-old woman, who was the driver of a red sedan, complained of pain and was brought to the Commonwealth Health Center, where she was treated and released.

Shepard said police officers did a sobriety test at the scene and later drew blood for alcohol analysis.

The female driver was later arrested and booked at the Department of Corrections, charged with driving while under the influence of alcohol.

Police investigation showed that the woman was driving her red sedan on the highway when it collided with a red pickup truck.

The collision caused the red sedan to flip on its side.

A passersby's video of the flipped car surrounded by bystanders was posted on social media.

PSS earns high rating from auditor

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Independent auditor Dave Burger gave the Public School System a rating of eight out of 10 in terms of handling its finances since fiscal year 2016.

Burger is the managing partner of Burger Comer Magliari LLC, the firm that has been auditing PSS in the last three years.

In his presentation last week at the CNMI Board of Education meeting on Capital Hill, Burger said PSS has a strong balance sheet with lots of assets and little debt.

In an interview with reporters later, he said that appropriations and federal grants helped PSS' financial standing. "They are a solid eight. They have a strong financial statement, certainly helped by the supplemental appropriation of $10 million."

"The CNMI government's appropriations and federal grants went up. [CNMI] revenues were up and that helps everything. It allows [PSS] to spend more and still have cash left over."

He added that PSS was also on time in settling some of its outstanding balances, except for compensated absences. "They [PSS] do not have any loans but [have] regular accounts payable, just like any other entity."

"They do have liability for compensated absences—annual and sick leaves. It is on the books, about $3 million. I think they are current with their [Commonwealth Utilities Corp.] payments. There was an appropriation that allowed them to clear out their balance."

Burger said that aside from that, PSS has clean reports. "They are on top of it and so far everything is in good standing as long as the [economic] activity keeps up," added Burger.

He added that the CNMI government is on time with the budget. "The federal agency [money] came in a few days after Sept. 30. They have no bad debts. Overall, they have clean reports on everything—internal control and compliance, and federal programs."

The supplemental appropriation of more than $10 million early this year also allowed PSS to spend more money in construction and repairs of other facilities. PSS, based on the audit report, has $87 million in total assets and $7.6 million in liabilities.

Guam EPA is awarded $300K

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has awarded the Guam Environmental Protection Agency $300,000 in federal grant assistance to support water-quality monitoring at Guam beaches.

Delegate Madeleine Z. Bordallo announced the awarding of the grant, saying she strongly supports these federal EPA funds, which will help to strengthen monitoring, notification, and make all results readily available to the public.

"Our beaches and ocean are an important part of everyday life on Guam and attract visitors from the across the globe. They support our local fishermen, recreation for our residents and visitors alike, and are the key economic driver for our tourism industry," said Bordallo. "I continue to champion ocean and coastline conservation legislation in Congress, and I am pleased that U.S. EPA is providing much-needed federal funding to Guam for water-quality monitoring and data collection at our beaches. This federal-local partnership is critical to keeping our people safe and informed about conditions at our beaches and favorite swimming spots." ***(PR)***

BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUT

Happy birthday greetings go out to Ryle Yuan Montano, who is celebrating his special day today, June 25,2018

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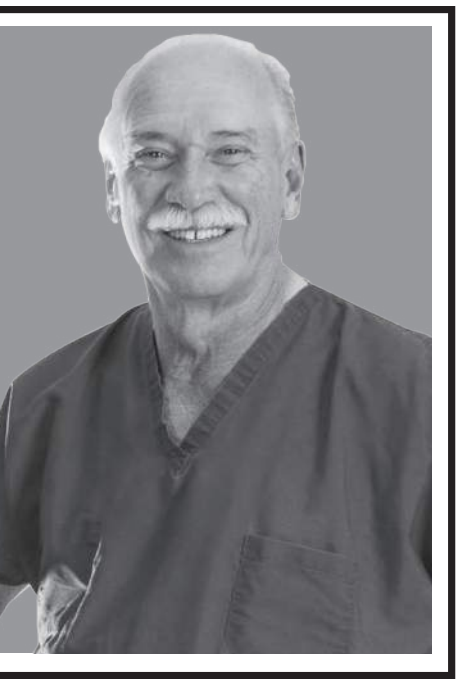

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INVITATION FOR BIDS
CUC-IFB-18-011

GUALO RAI WATERLINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified firms for the Construction of Gualo Rai Waterline Replacement in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The project consists, in general installation of a new main waterline and lateral service line; connection to the existing waterline; installation of gate valve assembly, PRV and PSV, flush hydrants, air release valves, fire hydrant assembly; existing lateral service tap relocation; restoration of existing asphalt concrete road; and other related work. The work shall be done in accordance with the Project Plans and Specifications and without disruption to the daily operation of the water system.

This project is funded by a grant from the United Sates of Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). The award of this project is contingent upon receipt of the approval for project award from USEPA.

CUC requires the Project to be completed in **365 calendar** days from date of award of contract.

Prospective Bidders for this IFB must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division. The Bid Package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of $200.00 (non-refundable) for one IFB package set.

A Pre-Bid Conference followed by a Site Visit is scheduled on **June 21, 2018 at 10:00 AM (ChST)** at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room No.17, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building.

One (1) original and Five (5) hard copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked **"CUC-IFB-18-011, Gualo Rai Water Line Replacement Project"**, to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, **no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on July 10, 2018,** at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bidders are required to complete all Bid Forms. Bidders may supplement the form as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after submission. **Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered.**

All bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract.

A *Bid Guarantee* of fifteen (15%) percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The bid guarantee may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States, Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A *Payment Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent and a *Performance Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidder. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). *Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.*

All bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations.

All questions or request for clarification regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on June 25, 2018** to Mr. Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Officer, via email – manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Mr. Larry Manacop, CUC Water/Wastewater Associate Engineer – via email larry.manacop@cucgov.org and Ms. Christie Sablan, Procurement & Supply, Administrative Support Assistant – via email christie.sablan@cucgov.org

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any imperfection in the bid proposal in the best interest of the government. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

GARY CAMACHO
Executive Director

MANNY B. SABLAN
Purchasing Officer

USCIS recalls incorrectly printed EADs

Starting June 21, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services began recalling approximately 800 Employment Authorization Documents that were issued in conjunction with Form I-589, Application for Asylum and for Withholding of Removal, which were granted by USCIS asylum officers. The cards contain a production error that transposed the first and last names of the individuals receiving the EADs. These cards were mailed to recipients in April and May 2018.

USCIS will send notices to individuals who received the incorrect EADs, as well as to their attorneys or accredited representatives, if a G-28 was submitted with the corresponding Form I-589. The affected individuals should return their incorrect EADs to USCIS in the provided prepaid envelope within 20 days of receiving the notice. Recipients may also return their EADs to a USCIS field office. Replacement EADs will be sent within 15 days of receiving the incorrect card.

The recall does not affect these individuals' employment authorization since they are authorized for employment without needing an EAD. Affected recipients' Form I-94 showing that they were granted asylum is also evidence that they are authorized to be employed. If affected individuals need proof of their employment authorization, they may reach out to the USCIS Contact Center. ***(PR)***

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Music Trivia Day at JKPL tomorrow

Join us at the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library for Trivia Day for a fun time of music, trivia, and laughter! This free program for ages 13 and up will be held tomorrow, June 26, from 1pm to 1:45pm. Bring your friends to sign up as a team, or come to meet new people! Questions? Call the library at (670) 235-7323/22, or email Emily at emily.jkpl@gmail.com. For the latest news and events, visit the library's website at www.cnmilib.org and like and/or follow JKPL's Facebook page, @joeten kiyu. Call the library at 670-235-7322/23 for questions/concerns. ***(PR)***

Guam CHamoru commission meeting set

The Kumisión i Fino' CHamoru yan i Fina'nå'guen i Historia yan i Lina'la' Taotao Tåno' (Commission on CHamoru Language and the Teaching of History and Culture of the Indigenous People of Guam) will meet on July 2, 2018, from 2pm to 4pm at the Fasilidat Idukasion CHamoru Guma' Faninadahen Kosas Guahan Senadot Antonio M. Palomo board conference room on the second floor, Hagatna. The agenda include approval of minutes, financial matters, and report on meetings with the CNMI CHamorro Carolinian Language Policy Commission. For further information call Hope Alvarez Cristobal at 483-0097 or Rosa Salas Palomo at 727-5522. ***(PR)***

Military training at FDM, Warning Area 517

ASAN, Guam—The U.S. military will conduct training at Farallon de Medinilla on June 25-29, from 9am to 8pm.

The military will also conduct training at Warning Area 517 on June 26-27, from 6pm to 10pm.

It is recommended the public, fishermen and marine tour operators monitor the Coast Guard broadcast notice to mariners for advisories.

The general location of the training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla will be in a 12-nautical mile radius of the island.

W-517 is activated south of latitude 12° 40' 00"N. Santa Rosa Reef and Galvez Banks are open for public use. ***(PR)***

Commonwealth Utilities Corporation
Office of the Executive Director

INVITATION FOR BIDS
CUC-IFB-18-018

ISLAND WIDE WATERLINE REPAIRS, SAIPAN

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified firms for the Island Wide Waterline Repairs, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

This project is funded by a grant from the United Sates of Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). The award of this project is contingent upon receipt of the approval for project award from USEPA.

This Indefinite Delivery/Indefinite Quantity work consists of excavation to verify leaks and leak repair on various types of waterlines. Payment is only for the items completely installed and accepted by CUC. The duration of the contract is one year (365 calendar days) from date of award with an option to extend for an additional year if exercised by CUC.

Prospective Bidders for this IFB must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division. The Bid Package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of $100.00 (non-refundable) for one IFB package set.

A Pre-Bid Conference followed by a Site Visit is scheduled on **July 3, 2018 at 10:00 AM (ChST)** at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room No.17, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building.

One (1) original and Six (6) hard copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked **"CUC-IFB-18-018: Island Wide Waterline Repairs, Saipan"** to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on July 19, 2018**, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bidders are required to complete all Bid Forms. Bidders may supplement the form as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after submission.

All bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract.

A *Bid Guarantee* of fifteen (15%) percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A *Payment Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent and a *Performance Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidder. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.

Bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations.

All questions or request for clarification regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on July 5, 2018** to Manny B. Sablan, Jr. CUC Purchasing Administrator, via email – manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Ms. Christie Sablan, CUC Purchasing Support Assistant – via email christie.sablan@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any imperfection in the bid proposal in the best interest of the government. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

GARY P. CAMACHO
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INVITATION FOR BIDS
CUC-IFB-18-024

REMOVAL AND RELOCATION OF ENGINE # 8 AND # 4 FRAME, BLOCK & ALTERNATOR PARTS AT POWER PLANT NO.1, LOWER BASE, SAIPAN

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified and experienced firms for the removal and relocation of Engine 8 and Engine No. 4 frame, block & alternator parts at Power Plant No.1, Lower Base, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. In addition they will also be required to remove the coils from the stators and store them in a designated place. Both engines have been partially dismantled by the CUC plant personnel.

CUC requires the Project to be completed in **180 calendar days** from date of award of contract.

Prospective Bidders must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division. The Bid Package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, upon completion of registration.

As this is a re-bid, a Pre-Bid Conference is not considered necessary; CUC will allow Site Visit based on pre-scheduled arrangements with CUC through email. Prospective Bidders who had not participated in the previous bid (CUC-IFB-18-020) are encouraged to visit the site for familiarizing the site conditions.

One (1) original and Five (5) hard copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked **"CUC-IFB-18-024: Removal and relocation of engines 8 and 4 at Power Plant No. 1"**, to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on July 27, 2018**, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bidders are required to complete all Bid Forms. Bidders may supplement the form as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 90 days after submission.

All bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract. Bidders are however expected to have experience and the required skill sets in similar work.

A Bid Guarantee of fifteen (15%) percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A *Payment Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent and a *Performance Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.

Bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations.

All questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered Prospective Bidders and must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on July 16, 2018** to Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Administrator, via email – manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Venugopal Prabhakara, CUC Project Manager – via email venugopal.prabhakara@cucgov.org and Christie Sablan, CUC Purchasing Assistant-via email christie.sablan@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any imperfection in the bid proposal in the best interest of the government. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

WILLIAM GILMORE
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New school to highlight local history, language

Susan Book and Diana Silveira of Isla Montessori School have years of Montessori training and experience under their belts and are ready to be of service to the community. BEA CABRERA

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The Isla Montessori School in Dandan will open its doors in August, offering the Montessori way to pre-Kindergarten, Kindergarten, and elementary students.

What will make this program unique is that it seeks to integrate the Chamorro and Carolinian history and language, according to Susan Book, one of the founders of the school.

She said the school was born out of an idea that Montessori education needs to be brought to more to people on Saipan.

"Our goal is to reach out to families who doesn't have access to Montessori education…[and] make it accessible to people in lower income brackets. …Dr. Maria Montessori began her work in the slums of Rome so Montessori began as something for every child," she said.

Book said the idea behind the Isla Montessori School is that focus on the islands—its culture, language and history as a part of the curriculum.

She pointed out that teaching students with those components will connect those children with the community and the community back with the children.

"I feel it's very important for the local culture to not be lost and, although it isn't the culture I grew up in, Saipan is my home and I want my children to learn," Book added.

The school will be located in the middle of peaceful neighborhood in Dandan.

"We really wanted a school in the neighborhood because a Montessori school is not traditional teaching. We don't sit our children at desks as it is about making education almost second nature for the kids. Having the homey, neighborhood feel where you can walk to school in a safe environment, you feel like you're at home and yet you are actually learning," Book said.

"Part of Montessori is community outreach [and] a big part of that is going out to the community and giving back. We plan to open adult education nights and our after-school programs will not just be for students enrolled here but also students in the neighborhood," Book added.

Part of making the Montessori accessible is talking to Child Care and Development Fund and to Chamorro and Carolinian history and language experts to help with the curriculum design.

"CCDF has funding to give to eligible parents who are either working or in school to be able to receive tuition vouchers, funding for after-school programs and summer school. …We are also approaching local businesses for sponsorship and donations that will benefit students," Book said.

"We also talked to the Department of Culture and Community Affairs…to help us create materials that are specific to [the] Chamorro and Carolinian languages, help us create our history curriculum. …We are hoping to create a relationship with *man'amko* to make sure the children can learn from their elders," she added.

Book belied the notion that Montessori students can just do whatever they want.

"It is actually extremely planned and very organized on the teacher's side, so the students have opportunities to safely explore. As a guide, my job is to inspire them, give them the seed to make them want to learn more and help them in their journey in figuring it out... We want to create children who are…solving problems and are resourceful," she said. "Our Montessori is not just academics, we are educating the whole child. …What we want to come out of our classrooms are children who are socially responsible, who can think for themselves and are lifelong learners."

Book said the growth of Isla Montessori School is grassroots movement. "The team that decided to come together and do this is highly motivated—an amazing group of community members and the support that we are receiving from local community is outstanding."

"We want to grow Montessori on the island. Currently, there is no Montessori educator training here, so most of the teachers are expats. One of our long-term goals, especially when we find interested individuals in this kind of education, is to foster and help them in their own Montessori training, help them open up more schools in the other villages on Saipan and Tinian," she added.

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MVA joins HK International Travel Expo

The Marianas Visitors Authority joined over 650 other exhibitors on June 14-17, 2018, at the Hong Kong International Travel Expo, Hong Kong's largest annual travel event.

The expo was held at Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre in conjunction with the 13th Meeting Incentive Convention Expo and attracted over 21,000 attendees, a slight increase over last year's.

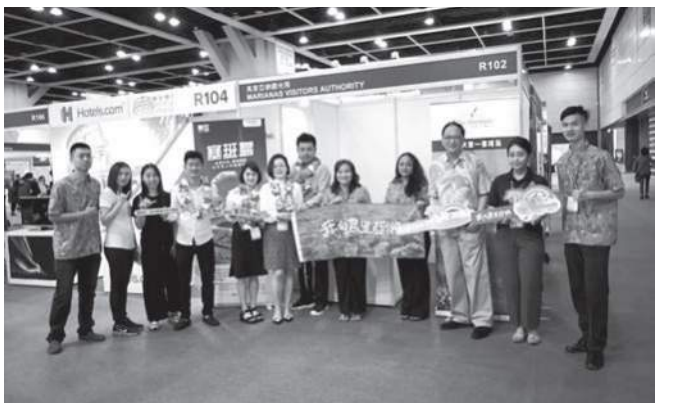
The MVA had an exhibition booth to meet expo participants, answer questions, and distribute information. The office also made a special 30-minute presentation to share the latest travel information, including for free and independent travelers, known in the business as FIT.

"We would like to thank our travel partners who joined us at the expo for their valuable assistance, specifically Shenzhen Professional International Travel Service, Century Tours, and Kensington Hotel Saipan," said MVA deputy managing director Judy Torres, who attended the expo. "Over 12,000 travel trade and media representatives attended, with a significant number from mainland China and abroad. We were able to work together as a team to assist those individuals interested in learning about, visiting, or doing business with the Marianas. It was a good opportunity to promote Saipan, Tinian, and Rota in Hong Kong and beyond."

In addition, over 90,000 members of the public attended.

The Marianas was the only U.S. jurisdiction exhibiting at the expo, highlighting its proximity and accessibility to the market. The Marianas receives a collective six flights from Hong Kong via HK Express and Hong Kong Airlines, also providing connections for visitors from mainland China and Taiwan. ***(MVA)***

Marianas Visitors Authority marketing specialist Brenda Repeki, right, and other members of the marketing team answer questions and distribute information about the Marianas at the Hong Kong International Travel Expo on June 14, 2018. MVA



Marianas Visitors Authority deputy managing director Judy Torres, fifth from right, leads the MVA delegation at the opening of the Hong Kong International Travel Expo on June 14, 2018. MVA

Marshallese and Kosraean named APIC graduate scholars

TOKYO—A senior Marshallese government environmental officer and a Kosraean state budget official have been selected to receive full scholarships from the Association for Promotion of International Cooperation to study at Sophia University's Graduate School of Environmental Studies in Tokyo.

Tamae Waguk of Kosrae and Rufus M. Lajkit of the Marshall Islands will begin studying this fall toward a master's degree in environmental studies.

Waguk

Lajkit

The graduate scholarship program is in partnership with APIC, the non- profit Micronesian Conservation Trust, and Sophia University.

This is the second year that the graduate scholarship is being offered.

"The young leaders who are chosen for the APIC graduate scholarship will play a critical role in assisting their countries adapt to rising sea levels and climate change," said Ambassador Peter Sato, president of APIC.

APIC also sponsors full-ride scholarships for two Xavier High School graduates a year to attend Sophia University.

"Graduate work in environmental studies at Sophia University focuses on real problems faced by the countries of our students. This is part of the graduate school's vision that graduate work must integrate theory and practice and all research must be interdisciplinary and focus on place and context specific, ecologically, economically and culturally relevant solution building. It is our hope that Tamae Waguk of Kosrae and Rufus Lajkit of Marshall Islands will be instilled by the vision of the university's founding fathers and with knowledge sets built through their studies at Sophia University contribute to their local communities in the Pacific as drivers of change towards sustainable future for all," said Professor Anne McDonald of the Graduate School of Environmental Studies.

"The best investment in Micronesia's future is to support the education of our young conservation champions and future leaders. We feel this is the best way to sustain our programs moving forward," said Willy Kostka, executive director of the Micronesian Conservation Trust, which is based in Pohnpei in the Federated States of Micronesia.

The Micronesian Conservation Trust's Bill Raynor Micronesia Challenge Scholarship Program is also supporting the graduate students selected for this initiative. APIC and MCT are keen on supporting this initiative effort to build the capacity of Micronesia's young emerging conservation leaders and filling gaps in natural resource management expertise.

Waguk earned a BBA in Finance and Economics from the University of Guam in 2016, and also studied at the College of Micronesia-FSM on Pohnpei.

Lajkit studied at the College of the Marshall Islands, then transferred to the University of Hawaii-Hilo where he earned a BA in Geography.

The 2017 APIC Graduate Scholarship recipients are Bertha Reyuw of Yap and Bradford Mori of Chuuk, both in the Federated States of Micronesia.

APIC is a Tokyo-based foundation that strengthens relations between Japan and nations in the Caribbean and Pacific. For more information, visit: http://www.apic.or.jp/index_eng.html.

The Micronesia Conservation Trust is a non-profit organization dedicated to developing enduring partnerships that conserve the land and sea to improve quality of life for communities across Micronesia. More information can be found at www.ourmicronesia.org.

Sophia University opened its doors in Tokyo in 1913, making it the oldest Roman Catholic university in Japan. More information can be found at https://www.sophia.ac.jp/eng/index.html. ***(PR)***

Saipan resident named to dean's list at Boston U

BOSTON, Mass.—Rebekah Hyeyoon Kim, a resident of Saipan, has recently been named to the dean's list at Boston University for the spring semester.

Each school and college at Boston University has their own criterion for the dean's list, but students generally must attain a 3.5 grade point average (on a 4.0 scale), or be in the top 30 percent of their class, as well as a full course load as a full time student.

Founded in 1839, Boston University is an internationally recognized institution of higher education and research. Consisting of 16 schools and colleges, BU offers students more than 250 programs of study in science and engineering, social science and humanities, health science, the arts, and other professional disciplines, along with a number of multi-disciplinary centers and institutes integral to the university's research and teaching mission. With more than 33,000 students, BU is the fourth-largest private university in the country and a member of the American Association of Universities, a nonprofit association of 62 of North America's leading research-intensive institutions. ***(PR)***

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Bid packets will be available on June 25, 2018, at the NMHC Central Office in Garapan, Saipan, during regular working hours (7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) Monday thru Friday except CNMI holidays.

The provisions of the CNMI Procurement regulations, NMIAC 70-30.3-725 AND 70-30.3-730 Prohibiting Gratuities, Kickbacks and Contingent Fees shall apply.

A **Mandatory Pre-Bid conference** will be held at 10:00 a.m. on July 5, 2018, at the NMHC Central Office in Garapan, Saipan. All questions regarding this IFB must be submitted in writing to Mr. Jesse S. Palacios, Corporate Director, NMHC, Saipan, fax to (670)234-9021, email at jjmuna@nmhc.gov.mp, no later than 10 a.m., July 06, 2018. Response to questions shall be shared with all bidders.

For more information, contact Mr. Jacob Muna, Acting Office Manager, at (670)234-6866/7689 during regular business hours, 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, except CNMI holidays.

/s/ Aubry Hocog
Chairwoman,
NMHC Board of Directors

/s/ Herman S. Sablan
Director,
Division of Procurement & Supply

JUDICIARY
Northern Mariana Islands

Request for Proposals
18-JUDICIARY-04

INSTALLATION OF SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS
at the
GUMA HUSTISIA, IIMWAL AWEEWE, HOUSE OF JUSTICE, SUSUPE, SAIPAN

Submission Date: June 28, 2018, 3:00 P.M.

The Commonwealth Judicial Branch is soliciting sealed proposals for the installation of thirty five (35) surveillance cameras to be installed at the Guma Hustisia/Iimwal Aweewe/House of Justice, Saipan.

Firms or individuals submitting proposals must have a valid CNMI business license and be in compliance with applicable local and federal laws and regulations, including minimum wage requirements.

Proposal procedures shall comply with CNMI Procurement Regulations (NMIAC Title 70, Subchapter 30.3).

The proposal package will be available on Monday, June 11, 2018 at the Cashier's Window, Guma Hustisia, Saipan, or by request emailed to Jim.Stowell@justice.gov.mp.

A mandatory pre-proposal meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 19, at 9:00 a.m., local time at the Guma Hustisia Law Revision Commission–Law Library. The meeting is expected to take at least an hour in order to provide prospective proposal submitters the opportunity to acquire sufficient knowledge of the building and the coaxial cable runs from cameras to the control / recording room so as to be able to present a bid that completely anticipates the material and labor costs entailed in completing the job.

Sealed proposals must be marked RFP18-JUDICIARY-04 and submitted with one (1) original and three (3) copies at the Cashier's Window, Guma Hustisia, Saipan no later than June 28, 2018, 3:00 p.m., local time. Firms or individuals submitting proposals from outside the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) days for receipt of their proposal by submitting a Notice of Intent to Propose to the Budget and Finance Director no later than July 5, 2018, 3:00 p.m., local time. Notices of Intent may be faxed to (670) 236-9797 or emailed to John.Villagomez@justice.gov.mp.

The CNMI Judiciary the right to reject any or all proposals, or portions thereof, and waive immaterial defects if to do so would be in the best interest of the CNMI Judiciary. All proposals received shall become the property of the CNMI Judiciary and will not be returned to the proposer.

/s/ Alexandro C. Castro
Chief Justice

/s/ John T. Villagomez
Budget and Finance Director

PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY
CNMI GOVERNMENT

INVITATION TO BID

ITB NO.: ITB18-COTA/FTA-105

SUBMISSION DATE: JULY 11, 2018 TIME: 09:00 A.M.

"PURCHASE OF TWO (2) ADA COMPLIANT TRANSIT BUSES FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OFFICE OF TRANSIT AUTHORITY"

THE SPECIFICATIONS FOR THIS PROJECT WILL BE AVAILABLE ON OR AFTER JUNE 11, 2018 AT COTA, OFFICE OF THE SPECIAL ASSISTANT FOR PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION, 2ND FLOOR SUITE 216 MARIANAS BUSINESS PLAZA, NARU LOOP, SUSUPE, SAIPAN.

ALL QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS RFP MUST BE SUBMITTED VIA EMAIL TO MR. JADE MANGUBAT AT cota16assistant@gmail.com NO LATER THAN THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS, 4:30PM, LOCAL TIME, JUNE 27, 2018.

THIS IS A FEDERALLY FUNDED PROJECT; BIDDERS ARE REQUIRED TO COMPLY WITH FTA FEDERAL CONTRACT CLAUSES AS APPLICABLE.

THE PROVISIONS OF THE CNMI PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS, NMIAC SECTION 70-30.3-725 AND 70-30.3-730 PROHIBITING GRATUITIES, KICKBACKS AND CONTINGENT FEES SHALL APPLY.

THE CNMI GOVERNMENT RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY OR ALL BIDS, OR PORTIONS THEREOF, AND WAIVE IMMATERIAL DEFECTS IF TO DO SO WOULD BE IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE CNMI GOVERNMENT.

/S/ ALFREDA P. CAMACHO
S/A FOR PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

/S/ HERMAN S. SABLAN
DIRECTOR, P&S

PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY
COMMONWEALTH HEALTHCARE CORPORATION

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)

RFP18-CHCC/RADIOLOGY-008

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: JULY 25, 2018 TIME: 11:00 AM

"COMPUTED TOMOGRAPHY (CT) SYSTEM COMPLETE WITH AUTOMATED DUAL CONTRACT INJECTOR – COMMONWEALTH HEALTHCARE CORPORATION"

COPIES OF THE RFP PACKET MAY BE PICKED –UP AT CHCC PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY DIVISION–MEDICAL SUPPLY STORAGE FACILITY LOWER BASE SAIPAN, DURING REGULAR WORKING HOURS.

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/S/ ESTHER L. MUNA
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

/S/ PRISCILLA M. IAKOPO
CHCC DIRECTOR OF P&S

WRITERS' WORKSHOP

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Authors, poets, photographers, and artists—residents and visitors alike—attend Walt F.J. Goodridge's 7th Saipan Writers' Workshop at the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library last June 23, on Saipan, CNMI. Twenty percent of the admission proceeds were donated to Friends of the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library. From left, Nhuy Cook, Egor visiting from Russia, Fernand Ramos, Rosemary Diaz, Joe Hill, Anhkiet Huynh Jr., Goodridge, Naomi Tudela, Zeraida Cuerdo, Ann Werstler, Rhea Rutaquio, Gary Liddle, Emily Van Weerdhuizen, and Grace Brooks. Not in picture is Yuxin Jiang.

Krise is selected as new UOG president

The University of Guam board of regents has selected Dr. Thomas W. Krise as its next president.

After two rounds of public voting during a board of regents meeting last Thursday night, six board members voted in favor of Krise, and two voted in favor of current UOG senior vice president of Academic and Student Affairs Dr. Anita Borja Enriquez.

Five votes were needed to select the new president.

"The board is pleased with its selection of Dr. Thomas Krise," said board chair Elizabeth Gayle. "On behalf of the board, I thank the university community and the general public for their tremendous interest and participation in the presidential search process."

Krise

The University of Guam and Krise will begin contract negotiations over the next few weeks.

Krise is a former president of Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma, Washington, where he continues to serve as president emeritus and professor of English. Prior to PLU, he was dean of Arts and Sciences at the University of the Pacific in Stockton, California, and chair of the Department of English at the University of Central Florida in Orlando.

Outgoing UOG president Robert A. Underwood—the institution's longest-serving president—will be retiring at the end of his current contract. He has held the position for 10 years. ***(PR)***

USCG Guam holds change-of-command for cutter

SANTA RITA, Guam—Lt. Brenden Kelley relieved Lt. Evin Moses as the commanding officer of U.S. Coast Guard cutter *Kiska* at Sector Guam on Friday, June 22.

During his two-year tenure, Moses navigated over 12,700 nautical miles across the largest search and rescue region in the Coast Guard and successfully executed 12 high profile search and rescue cases. His efforts in the Orange Boat Initiative engagements in the Federated States of Micronesia resulted in 135 skiffs painted high visibility international orange to increase their detectability against the ocean surface, a program that has saved multiple lives.

Giving his heartfelt farewells, Moses was most appreciative of his crew. Their remarkable hard work and motivation enabled him to overcome numerous hurdles encountered while stationed in one of the Coast Guard's most remote locations.

Kelley is transferring from USCGC *Douglas Munro* homeported in Alaska where he served as the operations officer.

Moses will be moving to Connecticut where he will teach Nautical Science at the U.S. Coast Guard Academy.

Kiska is a 110-foot Island-Class patrol boat based in Guam serving as a versatile platform for performing a wide variety of missions.

In addition to routine missions around Guam and the Commonwealth of Marianas Islands, *Kiska* conducts search and rescue response and assists in fisheries enforcement within the Republic of Palau, and FSM.

The ceremony was presided by Capt. Christopher Chase, sector commander, Coast Guard Sector Guam. ***(USCG)***

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Lt. Brenden Kelley relieves Lt. Evin Moses as the commanding officer of U.S. Coast Guard cutter *Kiska* at Sector Guam on Friday, June 22.

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EDITORIAL

Court sends e-commerce a reality check

Perhaps the internet finally has lost its new-car smell. The Supreme Court's ruling Thursday that will force most online retailers to collect sales tax is a sign of just how much e-commerce and digital interaction have grown in the last 15 years. The case will have far-reaching implications for consumers.

The 5-4 decision involved South Dakota's attempt to collect taxes from Wayfair, the popular home goods site that boasted about not charging taxes. The case was a campaign to overturn a 1992 ruling that costs states and local governments billions of dollars in revenue by requiring internet retailers to collect sales tax only if they maintained a physical presence in a state. In overturning that case, Justice Anthony Kennedy, in the majority opinion, said the earlier ruling distorted the nation's economy by putting local sellers at a competitive disadvantage. The dissenting justices said Congress had the power to change the bricks-and-mortar loophole, but didn't. Now Congress must provide clear rules to allow internet sales to flourish but make tax-collection requirements uniform.

While some internet retailers, including Amazon, charged sales tax in New York, in part because they had a physical space here, many others did not. The local revenue boost from the decision could be significant. The Long Island Regional Planning Council recently estimated that the region loses $100 million a year in revenue Island-wide from internet sales where no sales tax is collected.

The decision also could level the playing field a bit for traditional brick-and-mortar retailers, especially on items with larger price tags, since there will no longer be a tax incentive to shop online. But the ruling also might signal a much larger message, serving as yet another sign that online businesses, no matter which industry and no matter how large, might no longer operate in their own free-for-all universe.

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Common sense wins out

The U.S. Supreme Court's 5-4 decision to allow states to impose sales taxes on online purchases by their residents is a triumph of common sense.

Factions didn't break along the usual ideological divide. It was striking to see both Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Clarence Thomas—arguably the court's most liberal and conservative members, respectively—agree with swing Justice Anthony Kennedy's argument that a 1992 decision governing interstate commerce that was issued before the emergence of the modern internet wasn't relevant enough

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HOW DO YOU DEAL WITH SOMEONE LIKE THAT?
ZERO TOLERANCE.
LEWANDOWSKI MOCKED MIGRANT CHILD WITH DOWN SYNDROME
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Smart people can tell courage from brutality

By GINA BARRECA
The Hartford Courant

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Do you think life would be easier if you were stupider? Or put it this way: If you could take a pill that'd make you uninterruptedly happy, do you think it would automatically make you dumber?

At 61, if my insurance carrier covered it, I'm not sure I wouldn't sign up for that prescription. It's not that I think I'm so smart, either: I still count on my fingers, I don't know why airplanes stay in the air and, no matter how many times I write it, I doggedly believe the word "correspondence" ends on the word "dance."

For most of my life, I thought you had to build tunnels by taking all the water out first. My husband and two stepsons thought I was kidding when we were going through the Lincoln Tunnel back in 1992 and I asked about how they did that. In unison, they guffawed, "Good one, Gina!" I didn't understand their laughter, but if I'm being honest, I also don't quite believe their explanation. All those tunnels are dug under the water? The idea makes less sense than airplanes.

Therefore, and as someone who's been in education as a student or a teacher for approximately 2,926 years, I can vouch for the fact that a person can be ridiculously well-schooled and yet startlingly stupid. I also know you can be dazzlingly smart and have left school after the eighth grade.

So we're not talking book learning here: We're talking smart, as in being aware of what's going on around you and able to process the surprising complexities of life. Smart allows you to distinguish strength from barbarism, courage from brutality and rudeness from honesty. It won't let you mistake cunning for insight, information for erudition or pandering for respect.

Smart makes you want to comprehend the workings of something—volcanoes, the human body, a pride of lions—rather than merely worshiping it, mating with it or slaughtering it. It gives you perspective.

With perspective come choices, and with choices comes responsibility.

And that's where the phrase "ignorance is bliss" comes into play; accepting responsibility isn't usually the fun part. But it's a side effect of being smart.

Consider the smartest main character in any story, from the "Odyssey" to "Pride and Prejudice," from "The Adventures Of Sherlock Holmes" to "The Simpsons" (I see Lisa as the main character in "The Simpsons"). It's our heroes' insight, discernment and sensitivity that sets them apart from their less bright friends and family members. It also makes them, in turn, less unadulteratedly happy. Because they perceive subtleties in situations to which others remain oblivious, they shoulder some of the burden of understanding and this weighs them down. D'oh.

So why not be oblivious? What's wrong with spending the day watching videos of puppies, kittens and adorable Australian hedgehogs? Why not stream videos of a raccoon that reaches the top of the UBS Center in Minnesota, once you know it's safe?

Playing the fool is one thing. It's a release, a seizing of the moment and a cheering embrace of the trivial. But a determined celebration of stupidity and of folly is dangerous. It's like playing hide-and-seek with your real self, the one who knows better.

We have to guard against cultivating and admiring stupidity for its own sake. Like every form of dissembling, being spuriously stupid, or applauding those who are, undermines our integrity. We can't wall off what we know, and we can't pretend not to see what we've already witnessed.

To reject knowledge or our own experience of loss and frustration is to reject empathy, sympathy, shared grief and conscience.

Whether it comes in a pill or a bottle, whether you stream it or smoke it, whether you insulate yourself in it or weaponize yourself with it, at some point you're probably going to be smart enough to realize that playing stupid doesn't work. It's like playing dead: You hope to remain passive enough so that you'll be entirely overlooked and out of the action.

Is that really how you want to go through life, trying to escape it by keeping your eyes closed and remaining rigid?

Finally, if ignorance is bliss, why do people keep taking continuing education classes on how to be happy?

The art of Melania Trump's green jacket

AP
First lady Melania Trump boards a plane at Andrews Air Force Base, Md., Thursday, June 21, 2018, to travel to Texas.

By VIRGINIA POSTREL
Bloomberg News

Melania Trump just gave the world a lesson in the ambiguity of clothing as a language—even when it contains literal words.

On Thursday, the first lady boarded a plane wearing an olive-green Zara jacket with graffiti-style writing on the back that read "I really don't care do U?" The former fashion model understands the substance of style, and she undoubtedly knew that her back would be particularly visible as she mounted the airplane's steps. So why, on the way to visit a shelter for migrant children separated from their parents at the Texas-Mexico border, would she wear such a thing?

It's just a jacket. Her clothing choice was completely meaningless. That was her spokeswoman's take on it. But, as many people noted, she's not in the habit of wearing cheap fast fashion, so why pick this to wear?

■ She doesn't give a damn about immigrant children. The un-ironic reading was offered by critics such as CNN's Kirsten Powers, who called her "the Marie Antoinette of this administration." The problem with this theory is that the immigrant first lady, who appears to be a devoted mother, had previously gone out of her way to say she "hates to see children separated from their families."

■ It's about "fake news." Employing his usual spin, President Donald Trump cast the jacket as a media critique. It's conceivable that she meant that, unlike her media-obsessed husband, she doesn't care about press coverage. But, if so, why go on a high-profile trip in the midst of a raging controversy wearing a jacket with anything written on it?

■ Her husband made her wear it. I can't remember where I saw this theory, which exemplifies the "Melania is under his thumb" view. Do you really think Trump checks Zara inventories and then dictates clothing choices to his wife? Seriously?

■ She doesn't care what you think of her. That might very well be true, but does she need a jacket to get that point across?

■ It's about the "Do u?" Perhaps the point of the jacket is the final question.

■ It's about her husband. Melania certainly doesn't seem to feel obligated to fulfill the traditional role of a first lady, which is first and foremost to make her husband look good. Although she shone at the first state dinner, for French President Emmanuel Macron and his wife, and occasionally issues an anti-bullying statement, she's mostly invisible. And her public statements expressing motherly concerns about the welfare of children often make her husband look bad. Maybe the jacket was an act of rebellion. But what doesn't she care about?

In the end, we simply don't know. The jacket demonstrates a consistent truth about Melania Trump: She is an enigma onto whom people project their pre-existing beliefs, hopes and fears. In that sense, she is still a professional model. She looks good in clothes and lets the audience imagine whatever meanings they prefer.

Harvard's bias against Asian-Americans

By RICH LOWRY
King Features Synd., Inc.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

The Harvard University admissions process appears to be an ongoing microaggression against Asian-Americans.

A group called Students for Fair Admissions is suing the school for alleged racial discrimination and has filed documents in federal court making a persuasive case, based on data provided by the school.

Harvard denies it, but one of the imperatives of the affirmative action regime in college admissions is that schools never admit what they are doing.

The great and good at Harvard will insist that Asian-Americans all be called by their preferred pronouns, but they won't afford them equal treatment in the admissions process. They will upbraid anyone daring to ask an Asian-American where he is from, but will, in effect, hold his ethnic background against him.

And they will do it by relying on the stereotype of Asian-Americans as dull, unrelatable "model students."

According to the analysis of Duke University economist Peter Arcidiacono, an expert for the plaintiffs, an Asian-American applicant who is a male, is not economically disadvantaged and has, based on his other characteristics, a 25 percent chance of getting in would see his odds markedly increase if he belonged to another group. His chances of admission would be 36 percent if he were white; 77 percent if he were Hispanic; and 95 percent if he were black.

Why is this? Among Harvard applicants, Asian-Americans have the highest average SAT scores and the highest academic index, combining the SAT and high-school performance. Somehow, though, they manage the lowest admission rates.

They supposedly fall down on their personal ratings, which includes the question of whether the applicants have a "positive personality."

It just so happens that, per Harvard, otherwise high-achieving Asian-Americans are beset by chronically negative personalities. It's amazing that they somehow manage to do well in school and extensively participate in extracurricular activities despite their glum outlook and downbeat personas. Alumni interviewers who actually meet them tend to rate them highly. No matter.

The Center for Equal Opportunity report notes the contrast between Caltech, which doesn't have affirmative action, and Harvard, which does. At Caltech, Asian-Americans make up more than 40 percent of undergraduates, a proportion that has grown robustly since 2000. At Harvard, Asian-American representation is now at 22 percent.

A 2013 internal Harvard analysis, according to the lawsuit, said that Asian-Americans would make up 43 percent of admissions if academics alone were the factor.

If Harvard applied its own standards to Harvard, it would be appalled by how it's disadvantaging members of a minority group. It would encourage protests. It would refer itself for racial bias training. It would apologize and grovel and hope it all could be a teaching moment. But none of this will happen because it could lead to the admission of "too many Asians," the scenario that its admissions policies and related subterfuge are designed to prevent.

The lawsuit includes an exchange with a teacher at exclusive Stuyvesant High School in New York City who breaks down and cries when she's shown data on how much less likely her Asian students are to make it into Harvard. She's upset by the unfairness of it—would that Harvard felt the same way.

Lessons in lying

Humbug? Yes! It is BS.

"Bah!" said Scrooge. "Humbug!" from Charles Dicken's A Christmas Carol, 1843.

"Humbug: deceptive misrepresentation short of lying, especially by pretentious word or deed, of somebody's own thoughts, feelings, or attitudes."

—Max Black, *The Prevalence of Humbug*, 1985

Deceptive misrepresentation in that we have a deliberate
deception of a given situation. Short of Lying, did you ever
hear the old saying, 'I'm Dying if I'm Lying? Did you ever
think it is being said to convince you the Misrepresentation
or lie being told to you is True? The difference may be in the
degree of or the differences between what you already know,
hear, and see, or can think Through.
See for yourself, and, well, it was like that last time I looked.
I heard it right from the horse's mouth! and of course the
children's old favorite, Cross my heart and hope to Die!
The honorable humbug, a master of BS, has made an art of
deceptive misrepresentation with humor, Wit and Yes I guess
that dear reader is not BS or is It?
I have not learned to hold my Tongue. The tale is filled with
Dung and without humble Pie. He doesn't know when to Quit.
It is Nothing but a bunch of horse Spit.
I cannot tell a Lie. So the apocryphal story goes about George
Washington chopping down a cherry Tree. George supposedly
admitted the Deed. Thus depriving the nation, he was destined to
Lead as its first president, of some delicious cherry Pie or Cobbler.
Wolfed down with well water or fresh milk by many the Gobbler.
Then there is Pinocchio whose every prevarication elongated the
problem with his Proboscis providing difficulties getting his first Kiss.

LITERARY NOOK

By JOEY 'PEPE BATBON' CONNOLLY
Special to the Saipan Tribune

Joey "Pepe Batbon" Connolly is a retired teacher and poet living on Tinian who taught English in CNMI public schools for the past 30 years. He has also taught in Alaska, New Orleans, and Las Vegas.

So the first president made a mistake and cut down a tree for Kindling.
Our 45th president has many emoluments and they're not Dwindling.

None Can Legislate Like Irishmen

"You can lead a man to Congress, but you can't make them think."

—American comic, 'Uncle Miltie' Milton Berle

None can legislate like Irishmen Ryan and McConnell
ask the King of Bling who scorns these leading two
who sends insulting tweets in the name of Donald
pays mistresses to close their mouth more payments due
no one else but his lawyers are supposed to see
yet the information is leaking out all over the place
in major city newspapers, on line and channel TV
with 45 not worried one bit about saving face
the new Don, the old Don, the Don unashamed
the King of Debt, Trumpty Dumpty, leading states red
continues demagoguery regardless what he's nicknamed
regardless of rational advice or what Congress said
but he'll never pass legislation like those two Irishmen
from Capitol Hill to Mar A Lago's greens and back again.

EDITORIAL

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to justify the finding that states can only tax stores with physical presences within their borders. No, it's not logical or obvious that a tax ruling related to purchases made via mail-order catalogs should apply to today's e-commerce.

In dissent, Chief Justice John Roberts wrote that this was another case of judges playing a role intended for Congress. But Kennedy wrote that the court was instead cleaning up a mess it created in 1992 and that its actions were consistent with past decisions related to interstate commerce.

Given that 19 of the 20 largest retailers already collect online sales taxes—regardless of whether they have a physical presence in a state—the court majority has essentially given its blessing to a taxation framework that's already in place. But the clarity this ruling provides is still needed and welcome.

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The Weather

5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN

TODAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 15 mph.	Partly sunny with isolated showers. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph.	Mostly cloudy with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
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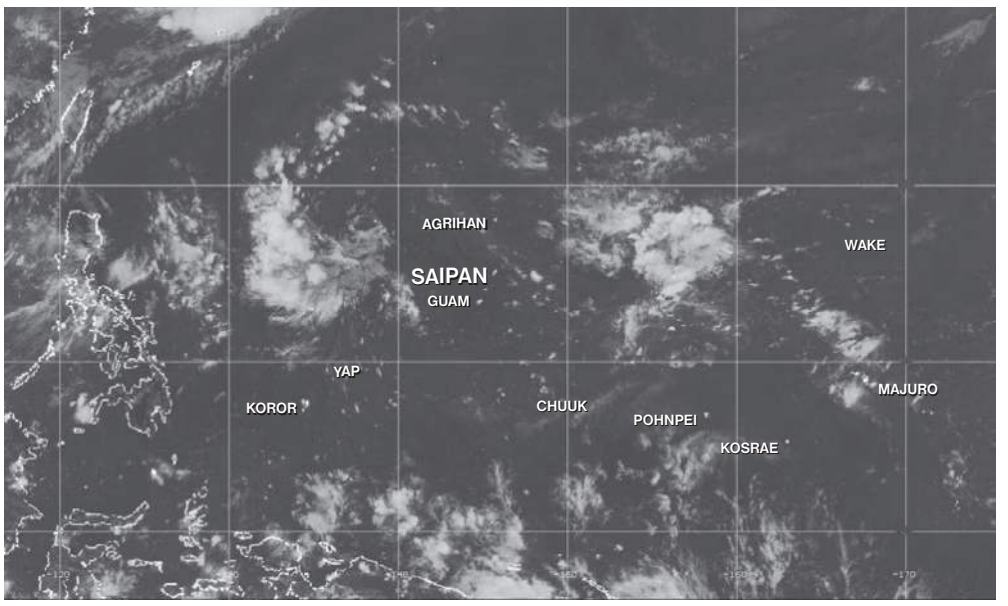
YESTERDAY'S SATELLITE IMAGE



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Andersen Air Force Base Doppler weather radar shows isolated showers moving through the Marianas waters, mainly from Rota southward. The VAD wind profile indicates east winds of 10 to 18 knots through the lowest 10 thousand feet of the air. The weather balloon from last night highlights the winds turning southward around 19 thousand feet and increasing to between 20 and 35 knots. The buoys reveal combined seas of 2 to 4 feet composed mainly of east swell with some small east wind waves and a small north swell.

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MICRONESIA		▲ ▼ °F
Guam and Rota	Thunderstorm	87° / 79°
Palau	Thunderstorm	84° / 77°
Yap	Thunderstorm	86° / 79°
Chuuk	Thunderstorm	86° / 79°
Pohnpei	Thunderstorm	86° / 77°
Kosrae	Thunderstorm	86° / 77°
Majuro	Partly Cloudy	85° / 80°

AROUND THE GLOBE		▲ ▼ °F
Auckland	Showers	55° / 48°
Beijing	Mostly Sunny	90° / 70°
Hong Kong	Thunderstorm	88° / 82°
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	85° / 74°
London	Sunny	82° / 57°
Los Angeles	Sunny	77° / 62°
Manila	Thunderstorm	90° / 79°
Melbourne	Partly Cloudy	57° / 37°
Miami	Partly Cloudy	84° / 79°
New York	Partly Cloudy	80° / 62°
Osaka	Partly Cloudy	84° / 75°
Paris	Partly Cloudy	75° / 57°
Busan	Mostly Sunny	77° / 72°
Rome	Showers	81° / 61°
Salem	Thunderstorm	94° / 74°
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	63° / 52°
Seoul	Partly Cloudy	90° / 70°
Tokyo	Partly Cloudy	81° / 72°
Washington, DC	Partly Cloudy	83° / 64°

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4:54 AM	HIGH TIDE	1.92
12:19 PM	LOW TIDE	-0.08
7:12 PM	HIGH TIDE	1.39
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DAY	SUNRISE	SUNSET
Today	5:48 AM	6:50 PM
Tuesday	5:48 AM	6:50 PM
Wednesday	5:49 AM	6:50 PM
Thursday	5:49 AM	6:50 PM
Friday	5:49 AM	6:50 PM

DAY	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOONRISE
Today	-	3:22 AM	4:20 PM
Tuesday	-	4:05 AM	5:11 PM
Wednesday	-	4:50 AM	6:01 PM
Thursday	-	5:37 AM	6:51 PM
Friday	-	6:26 AM	7:39 PM

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DEPARTURES

SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)

UA117	8:45am	9:30am	Daily

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

7C3451	3:10am	6:10am	1, 7
7C3451	4:00am	7:05am	4, 5

SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

TW308	2:00am	6:05am	Daily
OZ626	2:10am	6:00am	1
OZ626	2:50am	6:40am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
LJ652	3:40am	7:30am	1, 4, 5, 7
7C3403	4:45am	8:30am	Daily
7C3401	4:00pm	7:45pm	Daily

SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

3U8648	5:40am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-HANGZHOU (HGH)

JD396	7:30am	12:00pm	1
JD396	4:50pm	10:00pm	4

SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)

3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6

SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)

MU764	1:30am	6:35am	3, 5, 7

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

OZ626/701	2:10am	10:55am	1 via ICN
OZ626/701	2:50am	10:55am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA6394/191	4:15am	9:00am	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
UA6394/PR111	4:15am	8:10am	7 via GUM
UA6394/PR111	4:15am	9:20am	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via GUM
UA6398/183	6:05pm	9:40pm	2, 5 via GUM
UA6398/183	6:05pm	9:50pm	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
UA6398/193	6:05pm	11:50pm	2, 5 via GUM-ROR

SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)

HX077	1:50am	5:15am	1, 4
OZ626/721	2:10am	11:50am	1 via ICN
OZ626/721	2:50am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UO43	5:45am	8:40am	1, 3, 5, 7
UA6398/159	6:05pm	11:00pm	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM

ARRIVALS

GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

UA117	7:00am	7:45am	Daily

BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

7C3452	9:00pm	2:10am+1	4
7C3452	9:05pm	2:10am+1	3, 6, 7

SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN

7C3402	9:30am	3:00pm	Daily
OZ625	7:40pm	1:00am+1	7
TW307	7:45pm	1:00am+1	Daily
OZ625	8:20pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
LJ651	9:10pm	2:40am+1	3, 4, 6, 7
7C3404	10:10pm	3:40am+1	Daily

SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN

3U8647	10:20pm	4:30am+1	3, 4, 6, 7

HANGZHOU (HGH)-SAIPAN

JD395	8:25am	3:30pm	4
JD395	9:55pm	5:00am+1	7

GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN

3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5

BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN

MU763	4:25pm	12:30am+1	2, 4, 6

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

UA182/6395	12:40am	8:05am	3, 6 via GUM
UA190/6397	9:55am	5:35pm	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
OZ702/625	12:25pm	1:00am+1	7 via ICN
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PR110/UA6395	10:05pm	8:05am+1	Daily via GUM
UA192/6395	10:30pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via ROR-GUM
UA184/6395	10:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM

HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN

OZ722/625	1:15pm	1:00am+1	7 via ICN
OZ722/625	1:15pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
HX076	5:15pm	12:15am+1	3, 7
UO42	6:50pm	1:45am+1	7
UO42	9:30pm	4:25am+1	2, 4, 6
UA116/6395	11:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM

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SAIPAN TO ROTA

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
1301	7:30AM	8:00AM	Daily
1302	11:30AM	12:00PM	Daily
1303	4:00PM	4:30PM	Daily

ROTA TO SAIPAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
3101	8:15AM	8:45AM	Daily
3102	1:45PM	2:15PM	Daily
3103	4:45PM	5:15PM	Daily

ROTA TO GUAM

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
3401	12:15PM	12:45PM	Daily

GUAM TO ROTA

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
4301	1:00PM	1:30PM	Daily

SAIPAN TO TINIAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
1201	7:00AM	7:15AM	Daily
1202	8:00AM	8:15AM	Daily
1203	9:00AM	9:15AM	Daily
1204	10:00AM	10:15AM	Daily
1205	11:00AM	11:15AM	Daily
1206	12:00PM	12:15PM	Daily
1207	1:00PM	1:15PM	Daily
1208	2:00PM	2:15PM	Daily
1209	3:00PM	3:15PM	Daily
1210	4:00PM	4:15PM	Daily
1211	5:00PM	5:15PM	Daily
1212	6:00PM	6:15PM	Daily

TINIAN TO SAIPAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
2102	7:30AM	7:45AM	Daily
2103	8:30AM	8:45AM	Daily
2104	9:30AM	9:45AM	Daily
2105	10:30AM	10:45AM	Daily
2106	11:30AM	11:45AM	Daily
2107	12:30PM	12:45PM	Daily
2108	1:30PM	1:45PM	Daily
2109	2:30PM	2:45PM	Daily
2110	3:30PM	3:45PM	Daily
2111	4:30PM	4:45PM	Daily
2112	5:30PM	5:45PM	Daily
2113	6:30PM	6:45PM	Daily

Denim & Diamonds Gala

Photos by JON PEREZ

IT&E management officials, led by general manager Rose A. Soledad, pose for a group photo as they join other business leaders in last Friday night's Northern Marianas Trades Institute Denim & Diamonds Gala at the Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan's Hibiscus Hall.

Associated Insurance Underwriters of the Pacific underwriter Janet Benavente, right, receives the Jose C. Tenorio (Joeten) Award for Benefactor of the Year on behalf of their company.

The family of Jose Manahane Delos Reyes poses for a group photo after receiving the Vicente Sablan Award for Trail Blazer in Trades.

Triple J Enterprises Inc. chair and chief executive officer Bob Jones, seated right, joins some of their companies' management team.

Mahesh Thapa, fifth left, receives the Robert H. Jones Award for Culinary Arts Student Achievement on behalf of his wife Manju Pandey from Triple J Enterprises Inc. chairman and chief executive officer Bob Jones as NMTI officials look on.

Catherine Bordon, center, receives the Anthony Pellegrino for Career Achievement Award on behalf of her son, Earl John Bordon.

NMTI officials, from left, chief executive officer Agnes McPhetres, directors Mario Valentino, Annie G. Hayes, and Herman Cabrera, secretary/treasurer Velma Palacios, vice chair Joseph Torres, and chair John Oliver Gonzales.

McDonald's franchise owner/operator Marcia Ayuyu, third left, with son and McDonald's Middle Road general manager Jose Ayuyu Jr., second left, and marketing manager Ana Olaes, fourth left, and some of their personnel.

Archibald Ajoste, fourth from left, is the recipient of the Jose Ayuyu Sr. Award for Hotel & Restaurant Operations with McDonald's Saipan owner/operator Marcia Ayuyu, second left, Jose Ayuyu Jr., left, Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan general manager Wendi Herring, third left, and Kanoa Resort operations director Glenn Policare

Officers from TanHoldings Corp. join their family and friends in last Friday night's NMTI gala at the Hibiscus Hall of the Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan.

19th Annual Sophia Walk is largest by far

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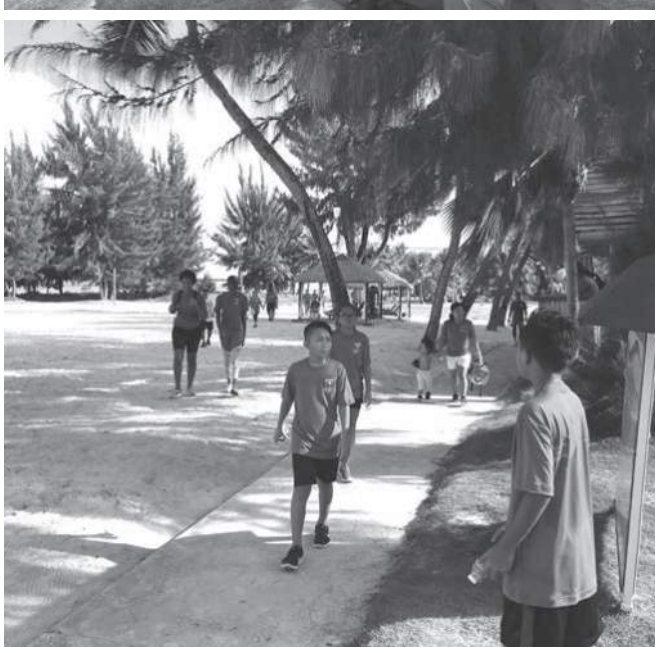

The 19th Annual Sophia Walk saw the number of registrants more than double this year than in previous years, making it the largest Sophia Walk since the event's conception.

Last Saturday, nearly 600 individuals in the community came out to participate in the 19th Sophia Walk that was organized by Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan.

According to Fiesta Resort Saipan general manager Wendi Herring, the Sophia Walk usually sees about 50 to 100 participants yearly. This year, Fiesta strove to reach at least 500 participants, with the money raised going to the CHC Volunteers Association, a group of volunteers at the hospital.

"We started planning earlier this year …this year, we set the goal at 500 because we really wanted to raise as much money as we can for our hospital volunteers," Herring said.

Not only was the goal met, but it was surpassed as nearly 600 individuals signed up for the event.

"We are really happy with the turnout," Herring said.

The Sophia Walk was first started by former CNMI first lady Sophia Tenorio, initially intended to bring together Japanese tourists and residents of Saipan to walk together and get to know each other's culture. The purpose of the event has since changed.

Herring recounted that Tenorio met with TanHoldings Corp. president Jerry Tan this year, during which she expressed an interest in making the walk "to be something bigger and more special."

"Because [Tenorio] visits the hospital frequently, she noticed that there are some needs by the hospital so she discussed it with [Commonwealth Health Care Corp.] volunteers and said she wanted to do this fundraiser for the hospital and its volunteers, so we can raise some funds to maybe spruce up the rooms or do other things to improve our hospital," Herring said.

According to Tenorio herself, the event turned out to be greater than she imagined. She was nearly moved to tears as she tried to express her gratefulness to the Tan Siu Lin Foundation, the TanHoldings group of companies, other major sponsors, and especially the community for sharing her vision to further improve the state of the CNMI's hospital.

This year's Sophia Walk highlight was the awarding of the Best Hat among the hundreds of unique, handmade hats created in the spirit of Sophia Walk.

Over $5,000 was raised during the Sophia Walk event last Saturday; the exact amount will be announced later.

Business

Chamber, ITS host 2-part 'Management Boot Camp'

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Participants of the "Management Boot Camp" training seminar hosted by Saipan Chamber of Commerce in partnership with Island Training Solutions pose for a group photo.

The Small Business Committee of the Saipan Chamber of Commerce in partnership with Island Training Solutions hosted a two-part "Management Boot Camp" training seminar geared to teach managers, team leaders, and aspiring line workers the essential skills to lead others in the workplace.

Part 1 was held last May 24 from 9am to 12pm and Part 2 was held last June 21 from 9am to 12pm. Due to the overwhelming interest, the Chamber offered afternoon sessions from 1:30pm to 4:30pm to accommodate additional participants for both workshops. Part 1 successfully filled with 76 registered participants and 72 for Part 2.

Jim Arenovski of Island Training Solutions provided the participants with useful tips and information valuable to their business. Participants learned tips on how to amplify strengths in each team member to maximize productivity and success, how to empower and motivate others, and how to manage diversity in the workplace. Participants also engaged in activities on how to communicate effectively, assert leadership, and identify and manage problems using a step-by-step process. One attendee stated, "Jim's presentation was very entertaining and informative. Jim made sure to interact with the participants by using real life examples which made the training easily relatable."

Light refreshments included an assortment of sandwiches, brownies, coffee, tea, and water. Certificates, informational handouts, and themed giveaways were presented to each attendee.

We would like to thank the following companies for joining us and investing in their employees by attending training to enhance their skills and efficiency: Bridge Capital, Calvo's Insurance, Civil Service Commission, Commonwealth Ports Authority, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation, Department of Commerce, Dial Rent to Own, Division of Public Health, First Hawaiian Bank, Friends First Marketing, Grandvrio Resort, Imperial IT&E, J.C. Tenorio Enterprises, Kanoa Resort, Let's Go Tour Company, Lao Lao Bay Golf & Resort, No Ka Oi, Pacific Subsea, Pacifica Insurance Underwriters, Pacific Islands Club, and Triple J Saipan. ***(PR)***

OPEC and allies agree to share oil production increase

VIENNA (AP)—OPEC nations and oil-producing countries not in the cartel said Saturday they have agreed to share increased oil production a day after OPEC announced it would pump more crude oil—a move that should help contain the recent rise in global energy prices.

Russia and other oil-producing allies said after their meeting in Vienna with OPEC countries they would endorse a nominal output increase of 1 million barrels crude oil per day.

The Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries said in a statement that both member and non-member oil producing countries "decided that countries will strive to adhere to the overall conformity level, voluntarily adjusted to 100 percent."

The statement did not say how exactly the production increase would be split between OPEC and non-OPEC nations.

Saud Arabia's minister of energy, Khalid Al-Falih, said after Saturday's meeting that the exact allocation for each country would depend among other things on their production capacities.

"Saudi Arabia obviously can deliver as much as the market would need, but we're going to be respectful of the 1 million barrel cap—and at the same time be respectful of allocating some of that to countries that deliver it," Al-Falih said.

Questions remain over the ability of some OPEC nations—Iran and Venezuela in particular—to increase production as they struggle with domestic turmoil and sanctions.

U.S. President Donald Trump had been calling publicly for the cartel to help lower prices by producing more. And after OPEC's deal on Friday, Trump tweeted: "Hope OPEC will increase output substantially. Need to keep prices down!"

Al-Falih said after Saturday's meeting in Vienna that tweets from Trump were "reflective of his concern for American consumers."

Al-Falih also said leaders from other countries including India, China and South Korea had also expressed concerns to him that their economies were "starting to feel the pinch of higher oil prices."

Taking a somewhat different stance, Russian Energy Minister Alexander Novak said Saturday's endorsement to increase oil production was based on "fundamental principles, on research done by our teams, by teams of our friends and colleagues, the OPEC secretariat."

Nation

Trump administration says it knows location of all children

By COLLEEN LONG
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Trump administration officials say the U.S. government knows the location of all children in its custody after separating them from their families at the border and is working to reunite them.

Trump

A fact sheet on "zero-tolerance prosecution and family reunification" released Saturday night by the Department of Health and Human Services also says a parent must request that their child be deported with them. In the past, the agency says, many parents have elected to be deported without their children. That may be a reflection of violence or persecution they face in their home countries.

As part of the effort, HHS says Immigration and Customs Enforcement officials have posted notices in all its facilities advising detained parents who are trying to find or communicate with their children to call a hotline staffed 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday.

A parent or guardian trying to determine if a child is in the custody of HHS should contact the Office of Refugee Resettlement National Call Center at 1-800-203-7001, or via email information@ORRNCC.com. Information will be collected and sent to HHS funded facility where minor is located.

HHS doesn't state how long it might take to reunite families. The Port Isabel Service Processing Center in Texas has been set up as the staging ground for the families to be reunited prior to deportation.

How the government would reunite families has been unclear because the families are first stopped by Customs and Border Patrol, with children taken into custody by HHS and adults detained through ICE. Children have been sent to shelters around the country, raising alarm that parents might never know where their children can be found.

The HHS fact sheet states that ICE has implemented an identification mechanism to ensure on-going tracking of linked family members throughout the detention and removal process; designated detention locations for separated parents and will enhance current processes to ensure communication with children in HHS custody; worked closely with foreign consulates to ensure that travel documents are issued for both the parent and child at time of removal; and coordinated with HHS for the reuniting of the child prior to the parents' departure from the U.S.

President Donald Trump on Wednesday ordered the practice of separating parents and their children to stop. As of last Wednesday, 2,053 minors who were separated at the border were being cared for in HHS-funded facilities, HHS said.

Protesters, Democrats want immigrant families reunited

MCALLEN, Texas (AP)—Demonstrators led rallies and protests Saturday to decry the separation of immigrant parents from their children by U.S. border authorities, while Democratic lawmakers said they aren't convinced the Trump administration has any real plan to reunite them.

Hundreds of people rallied near a Homestead, Florida, facility where immigrant children are being held. Demonstrators marched in San Diego carrying signs reading "Free the Kids" and "Keep Families Together" and in other California cities.

Outside a Border Patrol processing facility in McAllen, Texas, protesters carrying American flags temporarily blocked a bus carrying immigrants and shouted "Shame! Shame!" at border agents.

"Something has to be done," said Gabriel Rosales, the League of United Latin American Citizens' national vice president for the southwest. "This is not something that's OK in America today. And ours is to show those kids that they have people here in the United States that care."

The demonstrations came days after the Trump administration reversed course in the face of public and political outrage and had authorities stop separating immigrant families caught crossing the U.S.-Mexico border.

In recent weeks, more than 2,300 children were taken from their families under a "zero-tolerance" policy in which people entering the U.S. illegally face prosecution. While the family separations were ended, confusion has ensued, with parents left searching for their children.

The administration says it will now seek to detain immigrant families during their immigration proceedings, which has also stoked an outcry.

Department of Homeland Security spokesman Tyler Houlton issued a statement that criticized protests in Portland, Oregon, against immigration enforcement activities that closed federal immigration offices there this week, but did not address the other demonstrations occurring around the country Saturday.

Evelyn Stauffer, a spokeswoman for the Department of Health and Human Services, said her agency is trying to help reunite families or place unaccompanied immigrant children with an appropriate sponsor.

In Florida, Argentine immigrant Maria Bilbao said she joined the protest because she came to the country 17 years ago with her then-9-year-old son and understands the fear of being separated from a child.

"What is happening in this country is disgusting," said Bilbao, who worked as a cleaning woman before becoming a legal resident and now works for an immigrant rights group. "They should be letting people go to the outside so they can work and contribute to this country."

More protests are planned for next weekend in states from Connecticut to California.

A group of 25 Democratic lawmakers who toured the border processing facility in McAllen, Texas, said they hadn't seen a clear federal system for reuniting those who were split up. Everyone—even infants—is assigned "A" or alien numbers, only to be given different identification numbers by other federal agencies.

Asia

FOR WAR REMAINS

US moves 100 coffins to the North Korea border

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—The U.S. military said it moved 100 wooden coffins to the inter-Korean border to prepare for North Korea's returning of the remains of American soldiers who have been missing since the 1950-53 Korean War.

U.S. Forces Korea spokesman Col. Chad Carroll also said Saturday that 158 metal transfer cases were sent to a U.S. air base near Seoul, South Korea's capital, and would be used to send the remains home.

North Korea agreed to return U.S. war remains during the June 12 summit between North Korean leader Kim Jong Un and President Donald Trump. While the U.S. military preparations suggest that the repatriation of war remains could be imminent, it remains unclear when and how it would occur.

Earlier Saturday, Carroll denied a report by South Korea's Yonhap news agency that U.S. military vehicles carrying more than 200 caskets were planning to cross into North Korea on Saturday. He said plans for the repatriation were "still preliminary."

U.S. Forces Korea said in a statement later in the day that 100 wooden "temporary transit cases" built in Seoul were sent to the Joint Security Area at the border as part of preparations to "receive and transport remains in a dignified manner when we get the call to do so."

From 1996 to 2005, joint U.S.-North Korea military search teams conducted 33 recovery operations that collected 229 sets of American remains.

But efforts to recover and return other remains have stalled for more than a decade because of the North's nuclear weapons development and U.S. claims that the safety of recovery teams it sent during the administration of former President George W. Bush was not sufficiently guaranteed.

U.S. officials have said earlier that the remains are believed to be some or all of the more than 200 that the North Koreans have had for some time. But the precise number and the identities—including whether they are U.S. or allied service members—won't be known until the remains are tested.

The transfer of remains is usually done in a somber, formal ceremony, and that is what officials said was being planned.

Richard Downes, executive director of the Coalition of Families of Korean & Cold War POW/MIAs, said last week that he had been told the North may have the remains of more than 200 American service members that were likely recovered from land during farming or construction and could be easily returned. But he said the vast majority have yet to be located and retrieved from various cemeteries and battlefields across the countryside.

More than 36,000 U.S. troops died in the conflict, including those listed as missing in action. Close to 7,700 U.S. troops remain unaccounted for from the Korean War, and about 5,300 of those were lost in North Korea.

The last time North Korea turned over remains was in 2007, when Bill Richardson, a former U.N. ambassador and New Mexico governor, secured the return of six sets.

According to Chuck Prichard, spokesman for the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency, once the remains are turned over, they would be sent to one of two Defense Department facilities—Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam in Hawaii and Offutt Air Force Base in Nebraska—for tests to determine identification.

NZ leader names daughter Neve, leaves hospital

WELLINGTON, New Zealand (AP)—New Zealand Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern and her partner Clarke Gayford have named their baby daughter Neve and say they want her to grow up in a world in which she can make choices about her family and career based on what she wants.

Ardern made her first public appearance on Sunday since giving birth to her daughter on Thursday.

She answered a few questions from reporters while holding her baby at Auckland City Hospital before she planned on returning home. She will take six weeks of leave before returning to work.

Ardern is just the second elected world leader to give birth while holding office. Many hope the 37-year-old will become a role model for combining motherhood with political leadership.

She said the couple struggled for months trying to choose a name and decided to wait until the baby was born to figure out which one fitted best. The baby's full name is Neve Te Aroha Ardern Gayford.

Ardern said Neve means "bright" and "radiant" as well as "snow," which was fitting because the baby was born on the Southern Hemisphere's winter solstice. Te Aroha means "love" in New Zealand's indigenous Maori language, and Ardern said that name reflected the amount of love and generosity that people had shown the couple even before the baby arrived.

She said she hoped that one day having a baby while leading a country would not be seen as a novelty.

"So I hope for little girls and boys that actually there's a future where they can make choices about how they raise their family and what kind of career they have that are based on what they want and what makes them happy," she said. "Simple."

She said that having a child would likely make her view the world differently and enhance political views that were already focused on children.

The last leader to give birth while holding office was late Pakistani Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto, who had Bakhtawar in 1990.

New Zealand's Deputy Prime Minister Winston Peters has taken over as the acting prime minister until Ardern returns to work.

Ardern said that while she is on leave, she would be finding her way as a new parent.

"We'll do what every other parent does and learn the little nuances of the way that Neve wants to work," she said. "And just figure things out as we go."

World

IN ABOUT-FACE

Iraq's al-Sadr moves closer to Iran

BAGHDAD (AP)—Muqtada al-Sadr, the maverick Shiite cleric who emerged as the main winner in Iraq's parliamentary elections last month, campaigned on a platform to end sectarian politics and replace it with a government that puts Iraqis first.

AP

In this Monday, May 14, 2018 file photo, supporters of Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr, carry his image as they celebrate in Tahrir Square, Baghdad, Iraq.

Instead, he has forged a postelection coalition with a rival Shiite bloc that includes some of the most powerful militias operating in Iraq — groups that get their funding and support from Tehran.

The deal underscores the active role Iran is taking in shaping the next government of Iraq, sending key military and spiritual advisers to revive a grand coalition of Shiite parties as a conduit for its influence in Baghdad. It also illustrates how Iran has gained sway over al-Sadr, who once called for booting foreign influence from Iraq.

Two Shiite politicians with inside knowledge of the party talks told The Associated Press that the new coalition between al-Sadr's Sa'eroun bloc and Hadi al-Amiri's Fatah bloc came on the heels of intensive Iranian lobbying, including visits by the influential Gen. Qassem Soleimani and the highly respected son of Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, who met with al-Sadr earlier this month.

They spoke on the condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the talks.

For Iraqi voters, after delivering what was supposed to be a pivotal election result that looked beyond religious affiliation, the coalition means a dispiriting return to business as usual.

"This coalition is a product of Iran's desire to influence internal forces in Iraq," said Wathiq al-Hashimi of the Iraqi Group for Strategic Studies. "But besides the Shiite National Alliance, there will be a Sunni alliance and a Kurdish alliance, and a return of sectarianism among all the armed blocs and factions... This is the most dangerous thing in Iraq right now."

With no single party winning the majority of seats, the various blocs need to form coalition in order to name a new government.

On Saturday, the coalition was joined by incumbent Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi, another Shiite leader, whose bloc came in third in the elections. It could soon include other Shiite parties that underperformed at the polls.

Al-Abadi campaigned on a cross-sectarian platform and included Sunni politicians in his bloc. But the bulk of the winning candidates on his list were Shiites, and al-Abadi is the chairman of Islamic Dawa, a Shiite Islamist party that formed the core of the governing Shiite coalitions of 2006 and 2010.

The alignment paves the way for a return to sectarian-based government where Shiite parties come together to form a grand coalition which doubles as a patronage network that dispenses jobs to supporters.

1 dead after attack at huge rally for Ethiopia's new PM

ADDIS ABABA, Ethiopia (AP)—A thwarted attempt to hurl a grenade at Ethiopia's reformist new prime minister led to a deadly explosion Saturday at a massive rally in support of sweeping changes in Africa's second most populous country. Nine police officials were arrested, state media reported.

Witnesses said a man tried to throw the grenade at the stage as Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed waved to the cheering crowd of tens of thousands shortly after he made a strong appeal for unity following months of anti-government protests.

Addressing the nation minutes after he was rushed to safety, Abiy called the blast a "well-orchestrated attack" but one that failed. He did not lay blame and said police were investigating. At least one person was killed and 155 people were hurt, nine critically, Health Minister Amir Aman said.

"The prime minister was the target," a rally organizer, Seyoum Teshome, told The Associated Press. "An individual tried to hurl the grenade toward a stage where the prime minister was sitting but was held back by the crowd."

The man with the grenade was wearing a police uniform, witness Abraham Tilahun told the AP. Police officers nearby quickly restrained him, he said. "Then we heard the explosion."

Nine police officials were arrested, including the deputy head of the capital's police commission, state broadcaster ETV reported.

AP video from the scene showed bloodstained ground and abandoned shoes while people chanting the prime minister's name fled, some clutching their heads in shock and despair.

The attack was "cheap and unacceptable," the prime minister said, and added: "Love always wins. Killing others is a defeat. To those who tried to divide us, I want to tell you that you have not succeeded."

The ruling party in a statement blamed "desperate anti-peace elements" and vowed to continue with the country's reforms.

The explosion in packed Meskel Square in Addis Ababa followed weeks of dramatic changes that shocked many in the East African nation after years of anti-government tensions, states of emergency, thousands of arrests and long internet shutdowns.

The 42-year-old Abiy took office in April and quickly announced the release of tens of thousands of prisoners, the opening of state-owned companies to private investment and the unconditional embrace of a peace deal with rival Eritrea. Websites were unblocked and opposition figures were invited to dinner. Ethiopians said they could hardly keep up with the pace of change.

Focus

As driving ban lifted, Saudi women in crosshairs of change

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia (AP)—Outside a sprawling mall in the Saudi capital, Riyadh, young single men and women walk through an open-air exhibit where Saudi women and traffic police explain the ins and outs of handling a car. Children take a lap around a makeshift course in tiny electric cars as clowns appear on a small stage, dancing for the crowd. A song with a woman's voice blares through the loudspeakers, singing: "I love you Saudia. My love, Saudia."

Just four years ago, this government-sponsored event was an unthinkable scene in the deeply religious and socially conservative country.

But the most visible sign of change came on Sunday, when women in Saudi Arabia were allowed to drive, ending a ban that had stained the kingdom's reputation globally, kept women subjugated in the backseat and hindered the full potential of the country's economic growth.

The move places Saudi women at the heart of a major transformation being spearheaded by the country's Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman. It also places women at the center of a tug-of-war between those agitating for more openings and a religious majority that remains wary of changes that could be influenced by the West.

It was only a few years ago that religious police— known for their long beards and shorter white robes— enforced an austere interpretation of Islam that banned music of any kind in public, much less the sound of a woman's voice on loudspeakers. They could detain groups of unmarried men and women for simply standing around or sitting together. They ensured restaurants and stores closed their doors for daily prayers and waved sticks at women who had their hair or face uncovered, shouting through microphones attached to the tops of their cars as they patrolled the streets.

Unlike previous Saudi monarchs who took cautious, incremental steps to reform the country, King Salman has granted his 32-year-old son and heir, the crown prince, a free hand to usher in dramatic moves that are reshaping the country. Allowing musical concerts, opening movie theaters, easing restrictions on gender segregation and reigning in the powers of the religious police have all been signature reforms of the young prince.

He's seen as the force behind the king's decision to lift the longstanding ban on women driving this Sunday.

"I can say that Mohammed bin Salman, the crown prince, came at the right time. He is young and motivated," said Lulwa al-Fireiji, speaking at Friday night's event to encourage women to drive.

Al-Fireiji, 60, quickly clarified that while there was "nothing wrong" with previous Saudi rulers, now is the time for change.

"I will get a license, but I won't drive right away because the elders are always scared. But the young people are motivated and we need at this time someone like Mohammed bin Salman - motivated, God bless him, and daring. He will move the country (forward) faster," she said.

Granting women the right to drive is part of a wider blueprint for the future drawn up by the crown prince. In an era of sustained lower oil prices, the government is pushing Saudis to become less reliant on the government for jobs, handouts and subsidies. Some 70 percent of Saudis who work are employed in the public sector and rely on the government for their wages.

Official statistics show that women make up the overwhelming majority of job seekers in Saudi Arabia and that around 34 percent of Saudis seeking employment are between 25 and 29 years old.

The state alone cannot create enough public sector jobs to keep up with the pace of Saudis seeking work, so foreigners are being booted out of jobs at restaurants, banks, cell phone repair shops and many sales floors to make way for Saudis. Companies are required to stack their workforce with a minimum number of Saudi nationals or face heavy fines.

To encourage two-income households, Saudi women are taking on jobs that were once reserved for men at lingerie shops and makeup stores. And Sunday, when they start driving, many will be able to get more easily to work and will no longer need to hire drivers, who often hail from India and Pakistan. Women will even be allowed to work as drivers.

Prince Mohammed is set to inherit a country where more than half of its 20 million citizens are under the age of 25. Many are active on social media, where Saudis are vocal about the pace of change.

Just last week, conservative citizens took to YouTube and Twitter to criticize a Russian circus that included female performers in body-hugging leotards. Before the show could finish its four-day run in Riyadh, the king had fired the head of the entertainment authority.

Under the crown prince, the message pushed by officials is that Saudi Arabia is modernizing, not Westernizing. The prince has branded the reforms as a return to "moderate Islam". Even the country's ultraconservative clerics, who for decades warned against allowing women to work and drive, have toed the line with muted statements of support.

The tightrope the government has to walk between "a shrinking insular and traditionalist majority and a growing progressive and internationalist minority" is a defining feature of modern Saudi Arabia, said a report by the Arabia Foundation, a Washington-based think tank that has links with the Saudi government.

The report said the government maintains a delicate balance between reformers and conservatives by "monopolizing the reform process", pre-empting and suppressing grassroots activism or, on occasion, tolerating it as a safety valve for expressing grievances.

Just last month, the pendulum appeared to swing away from the latter when several prominent women's rights activists who were at the forefront of calls to lift the driving ban were arrested. At least 10 are still being held in an undisclosed location with no access to lawyers.

The arrests highlight how quickly the levers of reform can be pulled back.

In Celebration of His New Life

†Steven Arnold Matagolai Pangelinan

Lovingly Known as "BING TALU"

Born to Life on September 05, 1969 Called to Eternal Life on June 14, 2018

*In his new life, he now joins h*is:

Parents: †Jesus Santos Pangelinan and †Caridad Matagolai Pangelinan

Parents in Law: †Santiago Acosta Camacho and †Carmen Sablan Dela Cruz Camacho

Brother: †Edwin Jesse Matagolai Pangelinan

Brother In-law: †Joseph Dela Cruz Camacho, †Richard Anthony Dela Cruz Camacho, †Eulogio Manalo King

His memories will live forever in the hearts of his:

Wife: **Ruth Camacho Pangelinan**

Children: **Carriecarmen** C. Pangelinan, **Stephenny** C. Pangelinan

Child at Heart: Patricia "Patty" B. Sablan, Sandy Wayne C. Borja

Brothers/Sisters & Spouses:

Martin C. Duenas / Eleonita Santos & Family
Marialisa C. Duenas & Family
Arlene M. Pangelinan & Family
Ludy S. Pangelinan
Vivian Elaine M. Pangelinan
Melvin M. Pangelinan

Brother In-law & Sister In-law:

Gabriel DLC. & Frances Tenorio Camacho & Family
Martha Cabrera Camacho & Family
Francisco DLC. Camacho & Mazie Sn Taitano & Family
Patricia DLC. Camacho & Jose P. Villagomez & Family
Edward DLC. & Elizabeth Gonzales Camacho & Family
Martin DLC. & Raynita Lizama Camacho & Family
Cynthia Reyes Camacho & Family
Lydia Camacho King & Family
Gernadine DLC. Camacho

He will also be missed by numerous uncles, aunts, nephews, nieces, cousins and friends.

Daily Mass of Intention for the repose of his soul is being celebrated at Kristo Rai Church every 6:00 am.

His remains will be arriving from Honolulu, Hawaii on Thursday, June 28, 2018 at 8:00 am

Funeral Services will be announced at a later date.

Please join us in prayers.

Ruth Camacho Pangelinan, Children and Family

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LOUIS DELUCA/DALLAS MORNING NEWS/MCT

Megan O'Laughlin works out despite having just broken her elbow two weeks ago, in the "Total Body" aerobics class at Cooper Aerobics Center.

How to work out after sickness, surgery or injury

By LESLIE BARKER
THE DALLAS MORNING NEWS

Megan O'Laughlin works hard to maintain her weight loss and fitness level. She's diligent about portion control. She runs regularly and takes aerobics and weight-training classes at Cooper Aerobics Center.

So when she fell while running December's Rock 'n' Roll half marathon in Las Vegas and broke her elbow, she had a big question for her doctor:

"How soon can I start running again?"

"I used to be morbidly obese," said the Dallas attorney, who ran the last nine miles of the race without knowing the extent of her injury. "I lost more than half my body weight. When you go through that, one fear is gaining weight back."

Another was losing the level of fitness she'd worked so hard to attain. The injury was, she said, "like having the rug pulled out from under me. For someone who is addicted to exercise as mental therapy, it's really hard to be sidelined."

Luckily, avid exercisers can find ways to ease back into a routine during recovery from injury or illness — if they're careful about it. Meanwhile, being injured, getting sick or having surgery can send diehard exercisers' spirits into a sedentary tailspin.

"For people who exercise regularly, exercise becomes part of them," said Bill Borowski, director for athletic training services at Baylor Institute for Rehabilitation in Texas. "It's part of their social network, stress relief, everything else."

O'Laughlin has spent almost every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday for the last six years running with groups from Luke's Locker.

She misses the camaraderie, she said. But she knows if she doesn't do what she's supposed to do—including three hours of physical therapy every day—her recovery will be longer.

The line between taking it too easy and rushing recovery is a narrow one, said Dr. Damond Blueitt, a sports medicine physician on the medical staff of Texas Health Fort Worth.

"With prolonged bed rest, you lose muscle mass, you lose strength," he said. "Prolonged bed rest can decrease bone calcium." It can also increase the risk of blood clots because the blood is static, he said.

But trying to speed your recovery can be dangerous, too.

"Say you had a surgery where you were repairing something," he said. "You have a lot of blood vessels in that area. The tissue gets altered. Any time you do an exercise where you get your heart rate up, more blood is going to that area. One of the consequences is that it may produce more swelling, more scarring."

Just as frightening is the potential for infection if you're sweating and the wound gets dirty, he said.

"If someone has surgery and stitches, don't get your heart rate up high for four or five days," he says. "Let the tissue heal some."

Most important, ask your doctor, and listen to the answer.

"You have to be specific," he says. "If the doctor says, 'I want you to rest for two weeks,' ask what that means. 'Does that mean I can't go for a slow walk? Does it mean I can't go light on the exercise bike or do light resistance training?'"

A stationary bike is often a go-to recommendation for Borowski, who tailors clients' workouts based on what their doctors advise.

"It's nonimpact in general, so you're not getting a pounding like when you're running," he said. "You're still using quads and hamstrings. It's just a little different."

Pilates instructor Marilyn Levitt will work with injured clients only after they have a doctor's release. Often, they come to her to learn how to modify their workouts while they heal.

"Engaging in different types of exercise is so important," said Levitt, owner of Core Pilates Dallas. "It's tough being told you can't run for a while. But that time could be used to strengthen other areas of the body.

"You can always do something else," she said. "People who want to will find something they can do."

Advised Blueitt: "There's usually always something you can do to get your blood flowing and your heart rate up so you don't have such a tough time recovering. You get better results after surgery if you can get that person moving again, but you want to make sure they're not doing things to affect the area that needs rest."

He uses as an example Mohs surgery, which is a layer-by-layer removal of a skin cancer often followed by a skin graft.

"I'd ask if you can go for a nice, slow walk," Blueitt says. "Things we try to avoid are running. What if you slipped and fell? You messed up a skin graft. But walking gets the blood flowing, or light resistance training with dumbbells in the house."

What he, Levitt and Borowski stress is the neck rule: If your illness is from the neck up, you're probably OK to work out. "When I really won't work with a client," Levitt said, "is when they are sick with a fever or something in the chest."

"Once you get a chest problem, be careful," Blueitt said.

For people like O'Laughlin who work out regularly and worry about dropping their fitness level or gaining weight, he has encouraging words. First, if you're in fairly good shape, "it will take a while to lose a substantial amount" of fitness and will be easier to get it back.

As far as weight, Bluieitt said, yes, you may gain some. Once you start moving again, you'll drop it.

Besides, he said, "Your body is working in overload to heal. So usually the caloric intake you don't have to watch as much because you need those extra calories to help the body heal."

HOME REMEDIES

Stress and anxiety

Stress is something that just about everyone knows well and experiences often. It's that feeling of pressure, typically a result of too much to do and too little time to do it in.

In a busy life, stress is almost unavoidable. Stress is caused by events hat are positive—new job, vacation or marriage—as well as negative—job loss, divorce or death in the family. Stress is not the event itself but rather, your psychological or physical reaction to the event.

Anxiety is a tense feeling that often accompanies stress. It's typically directed toward the future—toward something that may happen soon. Some anxiety can motivate you or help you respond to danger. However, if you have ongoing anxiety that interferes with daily activities and makes it hard to enjoy life, then anxiety can be a problem.

Lifestyle and home remedies:

■ **Keep physically active.** Develop a routine so you're physically active most days of the week. Exercise is a powerful stress reducer. It may improve your mood and help you stay healthy. Start out slowly and gradually increase the amount and intensity of your activities.

■ **Avoid alcohol and recreational drugs.** These substances can cause or worsen anxiety. If you can't quit on your own, see your doctor or find a support group to help you.

■ **Quit smoking and cut back or quit drinking caffeinated beverages.** Both nicotine and caffeine can worsen anxiety.

■ **Discuss your concerns.** Talking with a trusted friend helps relieve stress and may provide a more positive perspective on your situation. This may lead to healthy plan of action.

■ **Use stress management and relaxation techniques.** Visualization techniques, meditation and yoga are examples of relaxation techniques that can ease anxiety.

■ **Learn to relax.** Your goal is to lower your heart rate and blood pressure while also reducing muscle tension.

■ **Make sleep a priority.** Do what you can to make sure you're getting enough sleep to feel rested. If you aren't sleeping well, see your doctor.

■ **Eat healthy.** Healthy eating—such as focusing on vegetables, fruits, whole grains and fish—may be linked to reduced anxiety, but more research is needed.

■ **Art and music therapy can be helpful.** You can use drawing, painting, clay and sculpture to express you inner thought and emotions when talking about them is difficult. The creation and interpretations of art is thought to therapeutic. Listening to or playing music even during medical procedures a)has also been shown to have relaxing and calming effects.

To cope with an anxiety disorder, here are things to consider:

■ **Learn about your disorder.** Talk to your doctor or mental health provider. Find out what might be causing your specific condition and what treatments might be best for you. Involve your family and friends and ask for their support.

■ **Stick to your treatment plan.** Take medications as directed. Keep therapy appointments and complete any assignments your therapist may give you. Consistency can make a big difference, especially when it comes to taking your medication.

■ **Take action.** Learn what triggers your anxiety or causes you stress. Practice the strategies you developed with your mental health provider so you're ready to deal with anxious feelings in these situations.

■ **Keep a journal.** Keeping track of your personal life can help you and your mental health provider identify what's causing you stress and what seems to help you feel better.

■ **Join an anxiety support group.** Remember that you aren't alone. Support groups offer compassion, understanding and shared experiences. The National Alliance on Mental Illness and the Anxiety and Depression Association of America provide information on finding support.

■ **Learn time management techniques.** You can reduce anxiety by learning how to carefully manage your time and energy.

■ **Socialize.** Don't let worries isolate you from loved ones or activities.

■ **Break the cycle.** When you feel anxious, take a brisk walk or delve into a hobby to refocus your mind away from your worries.

Prevention:

There's no way to predict for certain what will cause someone to develop an anxiety disorder, but you can take steps to reduce the impact of symptoms if you're anxious:

■ **Get help early.** Anxiety, like many other mental health conditions, can be harder to treat if you wait.

■ **Stay active.** Participate in activities that you enjoy and that make you feel good about yourself. Enjoy social interaction and caring relationships, which can lessen your worries.

■ **Avoid alcohol or drug use.** Alcohol and drug use can cause or worsen anxiety. If you're addicted to any of these substances, quitting can make you anxious. If you can't quit on your own, see your doctor or find a support group to help you. ***(Mayo Clinic News Network/TNS)***

Life & Style

Q&A: Sam Smith on touring, therapy, smoking and lip syncing

By MESFIN FEKADU
AP MUSIC WRITER

NEW YORK (AP)—Sam Smith knows his music is melancholy and emotional, but he's hoping his live shows will be uplifting and feel "like a fistful of love," as he put it.

The singer, known for downtempo hits like "Stay With Me" and "Too Good at Goodbyes," is launching "The Thrill of It All Tour" in the United States on Friday in Detroit.

Smith

Smith will perform at some of the arenas he played three years ago when his 2014 debut album, "In the Lonely Hour," dominated the charts. But he said now he's able to do more when it comes to the show—from the lighting to the set list.

"We didn't really know what to do actually because everything became very big before we actually had the money to actually afford to put on anything that was a spectacle," he said of his 2015 tour.

"With this tour, I got to choose songs. I got to really decide what type of show and tour this is," said Smith, who released this sophomore album, "The Thrill of It All," last November. "I really think you can see, within the show, (the) growth of me as an artist, I hope."

Smith talked to The Associated Press about the tour, cutting out alcohol and smoking, and going to therapy for the first time.

AP: How have you been prepping to get ready for this tour?

Smith: It's very, very tough. I'm trying to really discover other joys in life instead of going out drinking and going clubbing. I've completely stopped drinking. I'm working out. I have my trainer on the road with me, which is amazing. I work out every day. I've just had four weeks off so I've been eating a lot of really bad food, so I'm trying to work that off before I get to New York. I'm just being super, super, super healthy. Making sure I go to bed after the shows and rest my voice. It's really looking after myself as much as I can. The time that I'm onstage is my time to have fun and that's my time to express and let go.

AP: Have you cut out smoking?

Smith: Yes. The last year or so, I'm embarrassed to say that I did—I fell into the pit of smoking cigarettes. I'm battling it. I'm not smoking at all at the moment. When I have my time off in between shows I find it really difficult. But I'm pretty certain and sure that I've kicked it now. I have to. It's so bad for you. It's just affecting my voice. It affects my mood as well, smoking. I feel like I'm hurting myself in a way when I do it. So, I've stopped that.

AP: You sing live every night. How does it feel when you see others lip sync?

Smith: In general, I find it sad. It's different with the different artists, I feel. ...I don't know for certain, but I'm pretty sure some people sing a bit here and there and mime a bit during the show because they're dancing so hard. Then I understand that because I'm not a dancer and I don't know how it feels. If you're singing for a bit of it live, then I get it. I've got to admit, it's something that I find annoying, especially within pop music, because I'm someone who has never mimed. I've never ever mimed my entire life.

Whenever people around you are miming, you're kind of expected to do the same amount of work and promo and stuff as all the other artists. But, it's hard. I can't do as much promo. I can't sing flat out every day, all day because my songs are very, very high and demanding for me as a male singer. I sing in a place in my voice, even when I'm singing high, I'm belting. It's quite exhausting for my vocal chords. It's just a strain because sometimes I feel like I can't work as hard as everyone else because I'm not miming. Other than that, what other people do isn't my business. If they can sleep at night and they mime, then that's fine. It works for them, it doesn't work for me.

AP: Do you get to go to concerts? If so, who have you seen recently?

Smith: Yeah, I go to shows quite a lot. I try to see all the big pop shows. I saw Beyonce's "Lemonade" stadium tour. I'm watching all of her "On the (Run Tour)" stuff online. I'm just obsessed. It's just incredible to watch. My dream person to see that I haven't seen is Robyn. I just really want to see her live. I think I'd just cry the whole time.

AP: How's it been performing songs from your latest album now that it's been out several months?

Smith: I look back at this album and sometimes, when I'm singing these songs, I worry because I know they are very dark. If you listen to the album it's got quite a dark tone to it.

"In the Lonely Hour"—I felt that it was melancholy but there was hopefulness to the songs, because I was hoping the man I loved loved me back. And I think during the period of "The Thrill of It All," I really was a bit stuck and I was in a place where I just felt very confused about fame and felt that love was nowhere to be seen. I look back on that time and sometimes I'm almost upset with how dark it was and wish I could have written a happier record. But it was honest and it was me.

I've already started writing quite a lot for my third record. Just wrote something today, actually, in the dressing room. It's just feeling a little more up. Never too happy. But I'm feeling a lot more confident as a songwriter, which is really, really nice.

AP: Is what you're writing now a reflection of how you feel now? Because it seems like you're happier.

Smith: Oh, yeah, completely. I'm a lot happier now then I was. I still have my down days. After releasing the record, I got into a really happy place and it was great, and then had a massive low a few months afterward. I started therapy recently and I'm starting to truly understand that you can't be happy all the time. And life is like a sea, isn't it? Sometimes it's calm and then sometimes it's crazy and stormy. And you've just got to ride it, I guess. I still find parts of my life really, really challenging and difficult and I get very, very sad sometimes, but I have the tools now. And I'm trying to work out the tools, how to stay happy, which is good. The not drinking thing is a big thing for me. Not smoking. Yeah, just seeking help around me. And remembering that I'm good by myself as well. I think alone time is really important.

IN CELEBRATION OF HER NEW LIFE

Theodora Romolor Litulumar

"Lolang"

April 01, 1936 – June 20, 2018

In her new life, she now joins here:

Husband: †Enrique Matagolai Litulumar
Grandson: †Silayóóng Romolor Litulumar "Sly"
Daughter-in-Law: †Lisa Jacoba L. Litulumar
Parents: †Antonio Olaitiman Romolor/ †Juliana Rogopes Romolor
Parents-in-Law: †Antonio "Silayóóng" Litulumar/ †Natividad Matagolai Litulumar
Sisters & Brothers & In-Laws: †Concepcion R. & †Juan B. Kaipat, †Maxima & Benancio Igualiman, †Joaquin R. Romolor, †Maria & Isidro Romolor, †Francisco R. Romolor, †Theodore R. Romolor, †Dolores R. & †Herman Felipeo

Her memories will forever live in the hearts of her:

Children and families:
Felipe R. and Terry Jeanne Litulumar and Children
Agustine Litulumar and Deborah Muusers and Children
Carmen L. and Johanes Selbart and Children
Maxima L. and Victor Lisua
Virgina L. and Bernard Lotoc and Children
Henry R. and Arsenia Litulumar and Children
Ana R. Litulumar and Lawrence Takahashi and Children
Mercedes R. Litulumar and Tobias Aldan and Children
Rosa L. and James Blas and Children

Reared Children: †Silayóóng Litulumar "Sly", Aprillynn L. Lisua, Kiyoni Litulumar

Sister and Brother: Rosa R. Romolor / Juan Moteisou
Sister-in-Laws: Juliana O. Romolor/Isabel I. Romolor/Zhaodi Romolor

She will be greatly missed by numerous nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Daily mass of intentions are being celebrated every morning at Kristo Rai Church at 6:00am and Holy Rosary is being recited nightly also at Kristo Rai Church at 7:30pm.

Funeral Services will be held on Thursday, June 28, 2018. Her remains will be escorted to her family's residence in China Town at 7:30am from CHCC Morgue.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00am followed by Interment Service at Tanapag Cemetery where she will be at a peaceful rest.

Un Dangkulo Si Yu'us Ma'ase, Oloomway

The Family

China blocks John Oliver on social media after scathing show

BEIJING (AP)—A popular Chinese social media site is censoring discussion of "Last Week Tonight" and its HBO host John Oliver after he mocked Chinese President Xi Jinping, his apparent sensitivity about being compared to Winnie the Pooh and his country's crackdown on human rights.

Attempts to send posts with either the terms "John Oliver" or "Last Week Tonight" on the Sina Weibo microblog Friday were met with failure messages saying "the content contains information that violates relevant laws and regulations."

Oliver's show on Sunday made satirical references to Xi and the way that Chinese internet users often joke that he resembles Winnie the Pooh. The show also referred to China's internment of hundreds of thousands of members of the Muslim Uighur minority groups in political indoctrination camps .

Oliver called Xi "the man who is now emperor for life," referring to the Chinese leader's power grab earlier this year when presidential term limits were eliminated.

On YouTube, the video of the 20-minute segment was viewed more than 3.3 million times by Friday.

The show also turned a critical eye to Xi's signature anti-corruption crackdown that has ensnared political rivals and his hallmark program of overseas infrastructure projects known as the "Belt and Road" initiative.

Oliver's show included a parody of a propaganda music video made to promote the initiative in which children sing about China being an autocracy that abuses its citizens' human rights. "This is the China Xi doesn't want you to see," they sing in chorus.

It also discussed moves to build up a cult of personality around Xi, the ruling Communist Party's attacks on human rights campaigners and the death of Nobel Peace Prize laureate Liu Xiaobo last year while serving a prison term for subversion.

The censoring of social media posts was the latest sign of the country's increasing sensitivity over political content and satire. China maintains some of the world's toughest restrictions on content online as well as on foreign news and entertainment broadcasters such as HBO.

Weibo did not immediately respond Friday to a request for comment.

ABC orders 'Roseanne' spinoff for fall minus Roseanne Barr

LOS ANGELES (AP)—ABC, which canceled its "Roseanne" revival over its star's racist tweet, said Thursday it will air a Conner family sitcom minus Roseanne Barr this fall.

ABC ordered 10 episodes of the spinoff after Barr relinquished any creative or financial participation in it, which the network had said was a condition of such a series.

In a statement issued by the show's producer, Barr said she agreed to the settlement to save the jobs of 200 cast and crew members who were idled when "Roseanne" was canceled last month.

"I regret the circumstances that have caused me to be removed from 'Roseanne,' she said, adding, "I wish the best for everyone involved."

The revival of the hit 1988-97 sitcom "Roseanne" was swiftly axed by ABC last month after Barr posted a tweet likening former Obama adviser Valerie Jarrett to a product of the Muslim Brotherhood and "Planet of the Apes."

Tom Werner, executive producer of the original series and the revival, said in the statement that he was grateful to reach the deal to keep the team working "as we continue to explore stories of the Conner family."

ABC said that the new series, with "The Conners" as its working title, will star John Goodman, Laurie Metcalf, Sara Gilbert, Lecy Goranson and Michael Fishman.

How Barr's character, the family matriarch, will be erased from their lives was left unexplained for now by ABC.

"After a sudden turn of events, the Conners are forced to face the daily struggles of life in Lanford in a way they never have before," the network said in its announcement, referring to the fictional Illinois town where the family lives.

The spinoff will continue to portray contemporary issues that are as relevant today as they were 30 years ago," ABC said, a nod to the unusual portrayal of a blue-collar family on TV.

In a joint statement, the cast expressed support for the project.

"We have received a tremendous amount of support from fans of our show, and it's clear that these characters not only have a place in our hearts, but in the hearts and homes of our audience," they said.

Honduran girl in symbolic photo not separated from mother

NEW YORK (AP)—A crying Honduran girl depicted in a widely-seen photograph that became a symbol for many of President Donald Trump's immigration policies was not actually separated from her mother, U.S. government officials said on Friday.

Time magazine used an image of the girl, by Getty Images photographer John Moore, on its cover this week, next to a picture of a towering Trump. While Time corrected a story it had written about the photo, its top editor defended the cover.

White House press secretary Sarah Sanders said it was "shameful" that Democrats and the media exploited the photograph to push an agenda.

"She was not separated from her mom," Sanders tweeted. "The separation here is from the facts."

The photo spread widely as the discussion heated up of Trump's since-reversed policy of separating parents who are caught illegally crossing into the United States from their children. The government's policy of not allowing photographs of children being detained heightened the impact of pictures about the immigration issue.

The girl's picture, along with an audio file of crying children that was given to reporters at ProPublica, helped galvanize public opinion against the administration's policy.

The photo was taken on June 12 by Moore, who was on patrol with U.S. border officials when they encountered the girl's mother, identified as Sandra Sanchez. The girl was crying as officials searched Sanchez, who U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement said on Friday had been previously deported from the United States once before.

IN CELEBRATION OF HER NEW LIFE

†Iluminada Demata Abad-Aguon

In her new life, she now joins:

Parents: †Mariano Abad/†Felisa Demata Abad

Parents-in-Law: †Francisco Pinaula Aguon/ †Rosa Dela Cruz Quitugua

Husband: †Francisco Quitugua Aguon

Brothers, Sisters and In-Laws:

†Linda Abad Padilla
†Dolores Quitugua Santos
†Remedios Q. Naog / †Juan Naog
†Jose Quitugua /†Manuela Quitugua
†Marcelina A. Pua / †Damian Pua
†Esteban Q. Aguon
†Angelica A. Omar / †Joaquin Omar

Children and Families:

Mariano A. / Rita A. Aguon (Mariano Jr., Henry, Kialani, Ashley, Noah, Kayshlie)
Anthony A. Aguon
Isaac A. Aguon/ Garrine (Josephine, Destynee);
Patricia A. Aguon (Nethaniel, Xayvion Zane)

Brothers, Sisters and In-Laws:

Julie Abad/Luz and Wiliam Calong/ Hormonata and Linda Abad/Sucie and Jimmy Avila/Josephine Abad

God Children:

Jordan Suel, Jack Cangco, Robert Magofna

Daily Mass of Intentions is being celebrated each evening at 6:00pm followed by Holy Rosary at Santa Remedios Church in Tanapag.

On Wednesday, June 27, 2018 her remains will be escorted from CHCC Chapel at 7:30am to Santa Remedios Church. Responso service and Holy Rosary will take place thereafter.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00am followed by Interment Services at Tanapag cemetery.

Un Dangkulo Si Yu'us Ma'ase, Thank you, Salamat po!

The Children & Family

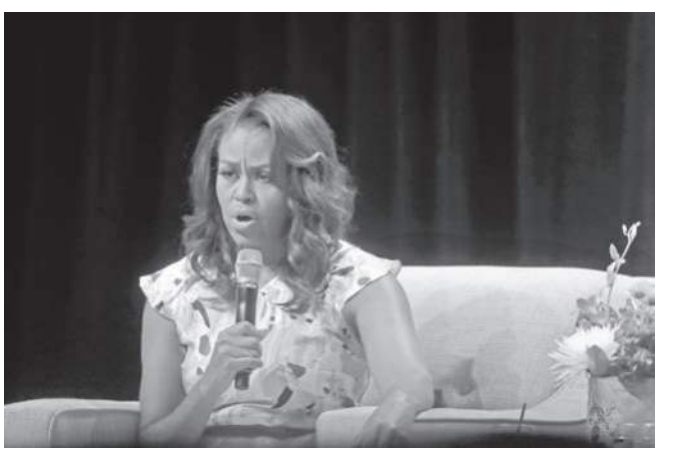
Michelle Obama says her memoir is a 're-humanization' effort

NEW ORLEANS (AP)—Former first lady Michelle Obama said Friday her upcoming memoir "Becoming" is a "re-humanization effort" that shares the "ordinariness of a very extraordinary story" that she hopes will give voice to people who feel voiceless.

Obama made the remarks as she helped kick off the American Library Association's annual conference in New Orleans. Librarian of Congress Dr. Carla Hayden moderated the conversation before an estimated crowd of 8,000 inside the city's convention center.

Obama shared snippets from the book, including the experiences that have shaped her, from her childhood on the South Side of Chicago to her years as an executive and her time at the White House.

She told the crowd that much of who she is today results from the influence of her parents, Fraser and Marian Robinson.



AP

Former first lady Michelle Obama speaks at the American Library Association annual conference in New Orleans, Friday, June 22, 2018.

"My parents had a strong sense of how to parent and taught us at an early age to figure it out," Obama said. "They let us know, that as children, our opinions mattered. But they encouraged us to contribute to the solution. You could air it out, but you had to be the one to solve whatever it was."

She said her parents taught her and her brother about the work ethic and the value of doing what you say you're going to do.

"When I go throughout my day, I often ask myself, 'Am I doing what I think Marian and Fraser would expect me to do?'" she said.

Paul McCartney drives down memory lane for 'Carpool Karaoke'

LONDON (AP) — It had been a magical mystery tour as Paul McCartney led James Corden through his hometown of Liverpool during a "Carpool Karaoke " segment on CBS' "The Late Late Show."

Thursday's program wraps up a weeklong stay in London and the 76-year-old Beatles legend joined Corden for a drive.

In between songs, McCartney autographs the Penny Lane wall and visits his childhood home.

Corden chokes up as McCartney explains how a dream about his late mother led to the lyrics for "Let It Be."

The pair ends up at a pub, where Corden serves as bartender and encourages patrons to use the jukebox. When one does, a curtain dropped and revealed McCartney on stage with a band. He sings some of his old hits before inviting Corden onstage for "Hey Jude."

Brigitte Nielsen, 54, has given birth to her fifth child

LOS ANGELES (AP)— Brigitte Nielsen says she has given birth at age 54.

The model, actress and reality star and her 39-year-old husband Mattia Dessi released a statement to People magazine Saturday saying their daughter Frida was born Friday in Los Angeles and weighed 5 pounds, 9 ounces (2.3 kilograms).

It's the fifth child but first daughter for Nielsen, who has four adult sons from previous marriages. She married Dessi, her fifth husband, in 2006.

In a statement, the couple said, "We are overjoyed to welcome our beautiful daughter into our lives," and "it's been a long road, and so worth it."

Nielsen revealed her exceptionally late-in-life pregnancy last month by posting photos of herself lounging with hands on her belly on Instagram and Twitter, saying the family is getting larger.

Cohen's photo with Tom Arnold fuels Trump tape speculation

Arnold

LOS ANGELES (AP)—President Donald Trump's former longtime personal attorney Michael Cohen retweeted a photo of himself with comedian Tom Arnold, who is working on a TV show to hunt down recordings of the president, fueling speculation Friday that Cohen has secret tapes of Trump and is willing to share them.

Last month, Vice Media announced that Arnold would be featured in a new show called "The Hunt for the Trump Tapes" and would investigate rumored recordings of the president.

Arnold told NBC News on Friday that he met with Cohen at the Lowes Regency Hotel in Manhattan and they discussed the new show.

"We've been on the other side of the table and now we're on the same side," Arnold told NBC. "It's on! I hope he (Trump) sees the picture of me and Michael Cohen and it haunts his dreams."

Arnold tweeted the photo with Cohen and the caption "I love New York" on Thursday night and Cohen retweeted it without comment.

Later Friday, Cohen tweeted that he had a "chance, public encounter" in the hotel's lobby and that Arnold asked to take a selfie.

"Not spending the weekend together, did not discuss being on his show nor did we discuss @POTUS. #done #ridiculous," Cohen tweeted.

The idea for the show, which is set to air on Viceland later this year, came about after the release of the "Access Hollywood" tape during the 2016 presidential election, which captured Trump bragging about grabbing women's genitals. In announcing the show last month, Vice said Arnold would "draw on his high-profile network of celebrity friends, entertainment executives, and crew members he's met over more than 35 years in showbiz to dig for evidence on Trump's most incriminating moments."

"I say to Michael: 'Guess what? We're taking Trump down together,' and he's so tired he's like, 'OK,' and his wife is like, 'OK, (expletive) Trump,'" Arnold told NBC.

Arnold tweeted Friday to clarify that it was him who said he was teaming with Cohen to "take down" Trump and that Cohen was not being paid by Vice. Cohen replied, "Thank you Tom for correcting the record."

For more than a decade, Cohen was Trump's personal lawyer and fixer, and he has long been a key power player in the Trump Organization and a fixture in Trump's political life. He regularly threatened lawsuits against those who could pose a challenge to Trump, and a day before the FBI raided his office and hotel room, he tweeted, "I will always protect my POTUS."

Last week, Trump said he hadn't spoken with Cohen "in a long time" and said, "He's not my lawyer anymore, but I always liked Michael."

Cohen is under investigation by federal officials in New York. His home, office and hotel room were raided by the FBI in April as part of a probe into his business dealings. Investigators are also looking into a $130,000 payment made as part of a confidentiality agreement with porn actress Stormy Daniels, who alleges she had an affair with Trump in 2006, which Trump denies. She is suing both Cohen and Trump in an attempt to invalidate the nondisclosure agreement.

'Game of Thrones' co-stars Kit Harington, Rose Leslie wed

LONDON (AP)—Former "Game of Thrones" co-stars Kit Harington and Rose Leslie married Saturday with a church service and a celebration at the bride's ancestral castle in Scotland.

The couple and guests arrived for the afternoon service at Rayne Church, close to the 900-year-old Wardhill Castle in northeast Scotland, which is owned by Leslie's family. Harington, wearing a morning suit, and Leslie, in a flowing ivory gown and veil, smiled at members of the public who had gathered outside the church.

Guests included the pair's "Game of Thrones" co-stars Peter Dinklage, Maisie Williams, Sophie Turner and Emilia Clarke.

Later the newlyweds were showered with rose petal confetti as they left the church and drove off in a Land Rover festooned with "Just Married" signs to a reception on the castle grounds.

AP

Kit Harington and Rose Leslie react as they leave after their wedding ceremony, at Rayne Church, Kirkton of Rayne in Aberdeenshire, Scotland, Saturday June 23, 2018.

Harington and Leslie, who are both 31, met in 2012 on the set of the HBO fantasy series, where they played a couple as the characters Jon Snow and Ygritte. Leslie left the cast in 2014 and currently stars in U.S. legal drama "The Good Fight."

The couple announced their engagement with a notice in the Times of London newspaper in September.

The bride's father, Sebastian Leslie, said Saturday he was "absolutely thrilled" about the wedding.

"It's an absolutely lovely day for us," he said.

Open road calls to husband, but wife is happy at home

DEAR ABBY: My wife and I have been married for 42 years. For the most part, we have had a good marriage. We raised two children, are helping to raise three grandchildren and still enjoy each other's company.

I am retiring shortly and looking forward to enjoying it. For years I have anticipated being free to travel the country and see things I didn't have the time to see when I was employed. The problem is, I like the idea of seeing the country via road trip. My wife says she's a "homebody" and doesn't want to be "stuck in the car" for a week.

Several friends have suggested I should take my road trips without my wife. I don't really want to do that, and she says that if I did, she would feel deserted. How can I be a good husband and spend time with my wife, and not feel cheated out of something I have wanted to do for so long?

HEADED FOR THE OPEN ROAD

DEAR HEADED: I can't help thinking about how many widows would give anything to share an adventure like that with their husband. I also don't think leaving one's spouse for a week qualifies as desertion. Many husbands and wives do it regularly to conduct their business. Perhaps if you return from one of your excursions with tales of how beautiful and interesting the road trip was, it will pique her interest.

P.S. If the problem is that your vehicle is too small, have you considered renting something larger to give your wife more room to stretch out?

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I have been together for almost 20 years. With every year that passes, I fall more in love with him. He's a wonderful person who treats me very well.

I could go on and on about how caring and considerate he is. However, when it comes to being intimate, I'm just not interested. I have known him for so long and know him so well that, for me, the "spark" is extinguished. In some ways, he almost feels like a brother, which makes it difficult to have sexual feelings.

I tell him many times a day that I love him, because I do. I want him to know he's my best friend and I care deeply about him. We have tried role playing, games, sexy clothing, etc.—nothing helps me. I go through the motions when I must, because I know it is one of the ways he expresses his love for me.

I don't want to be with anyone else. I just want to know how I can feel excited about being intimate again. Any advice you can give would be greatly appreciated.

EXTINGUISHED SPARKS

DEAR EXTINGUISHED: My suggestion would be to have a frank talk with your OB/GYN about this, and ask for a referral to an endocrinologist—a doctor who specializes in hormones. If, after a checkup, your hormone balances are what they should be, some sessions with a psychologist for you—and a sex therapist for both of you—might relight the spark that has fizzled. It's worth a try.

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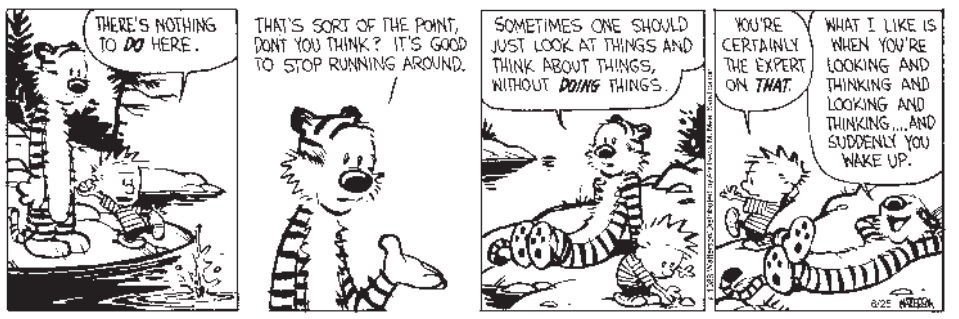
Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson


THERE'S NOTHING TO DO HERE.
THAT'S SORT OF THE POINT, DON'T YOU THINK? IT'S GOOD TO STOP RUNNING AROUND.
SOMETIMES ONE SHOULD JUST LOOK AT THINGS AND THINK ABOUT THINGS, WITHOUT DOING THINGS.
YOU'RE CERTAINLY THE EXPERT ON THAT.
WHAT I LIKE IS WHEN YOU'RE LOOKING AND THINKING AND LOOKING AND THINKING... AND SUDDENLY YOU WAKE UP.

Garfield®

By Jim Davis

I LIKE THIS SAYING BY BENJAMIN FRANKLIN
"EARLY TO BED AND EARLY TO RISE...
MAKES A MAN HEALTHY, WEALTHY AND WISE"
AND LONELY, DATELESS AND BORING
JIM DAVIS 6-25

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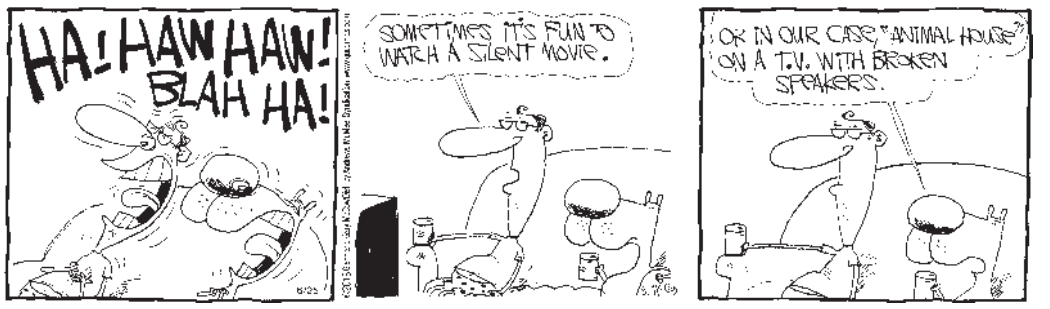
By Bryan Basset

I CAN'T FIND YOUR PET TOAD ANYWHERE.
OH NO!
DON'T WORRY. HE'LL SHOW UP.
THAT'S WHAT I'M WORRIED ABOUT! AN ACCIDENTAL GRAZING! OR HE JUMPS IN MY BED!
YOUR CONCERN FOR HIS WELL-BEING IS TOUCHING.
I LOVE HIM DEARLY, BUT IF HE HOPS ON ME, HE'S TOAD PATÉ.

The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy



CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

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51 Jazz singer James

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22 Dreaded dino
23 Monster slain by Hercules
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29 Medicinal plant
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34 Paris art museum
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37 Repeat
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40 Goals
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Solution time: 26 mins.

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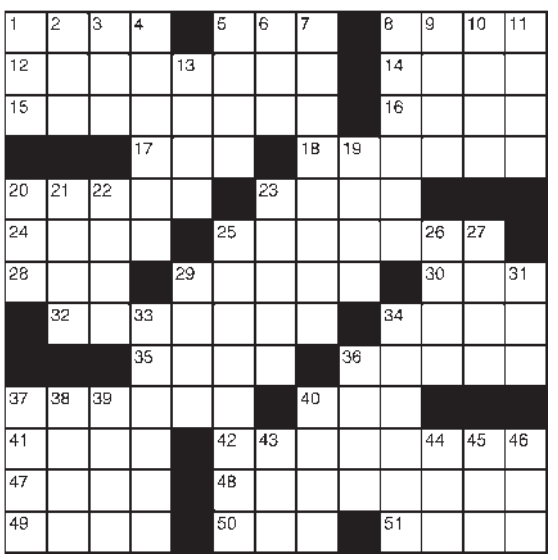

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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Busy Phillips, 39; Linda Cardellini, 43; Ricky Gervais, 57; Carly Simon, 73.

Happy Birthday: Expand your interests and your goals. Be creative in the way you approach life and how you market your skills and execute your dreams. An imaginative mind coupled with a can-do attitude will help you secure the position you want to be in as well as attract the people you feel are most compatible and helpful in your pursuits. Your numbers are 3, 16, 23, 26, 34, 43, 47.

ARIES *(March 21-April 19):* Take the time to help others. It's what you do, not what you say, that will make a difference and bring you the satisfaction you desire to get you through the day. Personal improvements and financial gains are featured. ✪✪✪✪

TAURUS *(April 20-May 20):* It's OK to think big, but when it comes down to making things happen, you are better off to be moderate moving forward. Too much too fast will end up holding you back. Don't overdo it physically. ✪✪✪

GEMINI *(May 21-June 20):* Activate your ideas and get cracking. Move forward with enthusiasm, and you'll make an impression that will not soon be forgotten. Exercise your right to make a difference and express your opinions openly. Romance should be on your agenda. ✪✪✪

CANCER *(June 21-July 22):* Chat with colleagues or those who can make a difference in your life. You will gain valuable information that will help you bring about positive change. Share your thoughts; you'll gain the support you need to forge ahead. ✪✪✪

LEO *(July 23-Aug. 22):* Put your best foot forward and dazzle even your toughest critic. Your enthusiasm and charisma will draw partnerships of all kinds. Keep an open mind, but don't feel the need to jump into anything too quickly. Gauge your gains and losses carefully. ✪✪✪✪✪

VIRGO *(Aug. 23-Sept. 22):* Stick to what you know and be leery of hearsay. Not everyone will be trying to help you. Make adjustments as you go and act on instinct as well as practicality. Speak with confidence, and you'll own the conversation. ✪✪

LIBRA *(Sept. 23-Oct. 22):* Don't leave anything undone. Finishing what you start will help ward off criticism and complaints. Avoid conversations with people who are opinionated, negative or bossy. Strive for personal perfection and a healthy lifestyle. Make romance and love priorities. 4 stars

SCORPIO *(Oct. 23-Nov. 21):* Protect against injury or indulgence. Too much of anything will cause setbacks that will leave you wondering what to do next. Taking on someone else's challenges may be admirable, but it won't resolve issues that are holding you back. ✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS *(Nov. 22-Dec. 21):* Get your feelings out in the open and find out where you stand. Speaking straight from the heart will make others realize how passionate you are about what you are trying to accomplish. Aim to reach your goals with or without help. ✪✪✪

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CAPRICORN *(Dec. 22-Jan. 19):* Don't set yourself up for failure. Make the necessary changes to alter anything that stands in your way. Truth and taking initiative to make things happen will override any opposition you face along the way. ✪✪✪

AQUARIUS *(Jan. 20-Feb. 18):* Put love, creativity and what matters most to you first. A personal relationship should be handled with love and compassion in order to avoid an unexpected and undesirable change. Live in the moment and offer positive feedback. ✪✪✪✪

PISCES *(Feb. 19-March 20):* Aim high, and positive changes will unfold. How well you get along with your peers and friends will determine how much you accomplish in your personal life. Offer kindness and insight into the possibilities that exist, and see what happens. ✪✪✪✪✪

Birthday Baby: You are loving, possessive and emotional. You are intuitive and unique.

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SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

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Difficulty Level ★ 6/25

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Last Friday's Answer

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Difficulty Level ★★★★ 6/25

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WONDERWORD®

By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally and even backward. Find them, circle each letter of the word and strike it off the list. The leftover letters spell the **WONDERWORD.**

FOR SOUP LOVERS Solution: 3 letters

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Rays shut down Yankees; Reds top Cubs

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP)—Wilmer Font worked into the sixth inning to get his first major league win, Willy Adames homered and the Tampa Bay Rays beat the New York Yankees 4-0 on Saturday.

Font (1-3) allowed three hits, one walk and struck out four over 5 2/3 innings. Four relievers completed a four-hitter.

Adames had an RBI single during a two-run second and added a solo homer in the seventh off Sonny Gray (5-5).

The Rays have won the first two of a three-game series against the Yankees, who have the best record in the majors.

New York (50-24), coming off a three-game sweep over Seattle, is the only team in the big leagues not to have dropped more than two straight games this year. This is the latest the Yankees have gone into a season without losing three in a row since August 1954.

AP

Tampa Bay Rays center fielder Kevin Kiermaier (39) makes a sliding catch on a flyout by New York Yankees' Brett Gardner during the third inning of a baseball game Saturday, June 23, 2018, in St. Petersburg, Fla.

Reds 11, Cubs 2

In Cincinnati, Anthony DeSclafani hit the first grand slam by a Cincinnati pitcher in 59 years, helping the last-place Reds beat the Chicago Cubs for their sixth consecutive victory.

It was Cincinnati's third slam in five days and major league-leading seventh of the season, two short of the record set in 2002. The last Reds pitcher to hit a grand slam was Bob Purkey against the Cubs on Aug. 1, 1959. DeSclafani (3-1) also pitched a season-high 6 1/3 innings and allowed three hits, struck out three and walked four.

Willson Contreras and Ben Zobrist homered for Chicago, which has lost three straight. Luke Farrell (2-3), a former Red and the son of ex-Red Sox manager and current Reds scout John Farrell, was charged with three runs and two hits in his second career start.

Mariners 7, Red Sox 2

In Boston, Mike Leake pitched eight shutout innings, Mitch Haniger drove in three runs and the Seattle Mariners snapped a season-high five-game losing streak with a victory over the Red Sox.

Nelson Cruz had three hits and scored twice a night after hitting two homers and driving in seven runs for Seattle.

Rangers 9, Twins 6

In Minneapolis, Adrian Beltre and Robinson Chirinos homered to help Yovani Gallardo win for the first time since last July as the Texas Rangers beat the Minnesota Twins.

Delino DeShields had two hits and drove in two runs for the Rangers, who have won a season-high seven in a row.

Dodgers 8, Mets 3

In New York, Clayton Kershaw and Jacob deGrom stumbled in an unexpected ace showdown, Matt Kemp hit a pinch grand slam during a five-run eighth and the Los Angeles Dodgers beat the slumping Mets.

The Dodgers have won 11 straight against the Mets dating to May 2016, matching their best run in the rivalry.

Orioles 7, Braves 5

In Atlanta, Mark Trumbo hit a first-inning grand slam, Chris Davis doubled in three runs and the Baltimore Orioles beat the Braves.

Dylan Bundy (6-7) allowed two runs and seven hits in 6 1/3 innings while improving to 3-0 in June.

Cardinals 3, Brewers 2

In Milwaukee, Yadier Molina homered twice to back a strong start by Miles Mikolas and lift the St. Louis Cardinals to a victory.

Molina's two-run homer in the sixth inning off reliever Jeremy Jeffress gave St. Louis the lead and the Cardinals held on behind the pitching of Mikolas and four relievers.

Indians 4, Tigers 1

In Cleveland, Trevor Bauer struck out 11 over 6 1/3 innings to beat Detroit for the fourth time this season, leading the Indians past the Tigers for their sixth straight win overall.

Bauer (7-5) allowed a run in the second inning on a wild pitch and was pulled after Dixon Machado's one-out single in the seventh.

Athletics 7, White Sox 6

In Chicago, pinch-hitter Nick Martini drove in the tiebreaking run in the eighth inning with his first major league hit and the Oakland Athletics came back from an early five-run deficit to edge the White Sox.

Martini, recalled from Triple-A before the game, lined a full-count single off Juan Minaya (0-2) with two outs to center to score Stephen Piscotty from second. Piscotty reached on a double when right fielder Avisail Garcia lost his routine fly in the sun.

Marlins 6, Rockies 2

In Denver, J.T. Realmuto hit his second career grand slam during a five-run seventh and the Miami Marlins beat Colorado to stop a three-game skid and end the Rockies' winning streak at four.

Derek Dietrich also homered, and Trevor Richards (2-4) gave up one run and three hits in six innings, striking out eight. Richards also singled for his first hit in the majors.

Diamondbacks 7, Pirates 2

In Pittsburgh, Zack Greinke pitched six scoreless innings, staying in through two rain delays, and the Arizona Diamondbacks beat the Pirates for their third consecutive win.

Paul Goldschmidt homered for NL West-leading Arizona, and David Peralta drove in two runs. Goldschmidt also walked twice and scored three times. Greinke (7-5) allowed two hits, struck out seven and walked none. He also doubled and scored on Jon Jay's double in the fourth. The Pirates hit just four balls out of the infield against Greinke.

Phillies 5, Nationals 3

In Washington, Maikel Franco went 4 for 4, Carlos Santana homered and the Philadelphia Phillies defeated the Nationals.

With the Phillies leading 3-2 in the eighth, Santana sent a drive into the Philadelphia bullpen in left-center field off Kelvin Herrera for his 13th homer of the season and second in two games. Franco later added an RBI single for the Phillies, who have won five of six.

Odubel Herrera, who had homered in five straight games, went 0 for 4.

Giants 5, Padres 3

In San Francisco, Slumping Brandon Crawford doubled twice, tripled and drove in three runs, leading the Giants over the San Diego Padres.

Brandon Belt singled twice and Gorkys Hernandez added an RBI double as the Giants won their fifth in seven games.

Crawford went into the game mired in an 0-for-18 funk. He walked in the second, hit a triple off Matt Strahm in the fourth and doubled in a pair of runs off Adam Cimber (3-4) in the sixth. Crawford also doubled and scored in the eighth. San Francisco's Gold Glove-winning shortstop also helped turn three of the Giants' four double plays.

Casey shoots 62 to take 4-shot lead in Travelers

CROMWELL, Conn. (AP)—Paul Casey has come close each of the three previous times he has played in Connecticut. He has a great chance to break through Sunday in the Travelers Championship.

Casey shot an 8-under 62 on Saturday to take a four-stroke lead into the final round.

Casey, whose win at Valspar in Florida in March was his first PGA Tour title in nine years, called the bogey-free round at TPC River Highlands his best of the year.

The Englishman had six birdies and an eagle—at the signature par-4 15th hole—where he hit his tee shot onto the green and then sank a 23-foot putt. He broke out of the pack hitting all 18 greens and has a streak of 23 straight heading into Sunday. He was at 16-under 194.

"It was clinical," he said. "I did everything I wanted to do. I can't do any more than that."

Casey was second here during his first visit in 2015, came in 17th a year later and had a fifth-place finish in Cromwell a year ago.

"I love this golf course," he said.

Russell Henley was 12 under after a 67,and J.B. Holmes (65), Anirban Lahiri (65) and third-round leader Brain Harman (69) were 11 under.

Jason Day shot 66, and Bubba Watson 67, leaving them 10 under. Watson came from six back to the 2010 event and beat Casey in a playoff in 2015.

Watson would join Billy Casper as the only players to win this tournament more than twice. Casper won his fourth Connecticut title in 1973.

Morning rain and drizzle throughout the day kept the greens soft, but nobody was able to stay with Casey.

The shot of the day came from James Hahn, who aced the 154-yard 11th hole. Hahn's tee shot went over the green-side bunker on the right front of the hole, struck the bottom of the flag pole and went into the hole, which required some repair work to the front lip after taking the hit.

U.S. Open champion Brooks Koepka shot a 69 to get to 4 under. Koepka said he plans to go right at every pin Sunday, then take time off from golf before the British Open.

"I'm going to try to shoot 60," he said. "You're so far back, you've got to kind of make a move and if you shoot 10 (under), you never know what can happen.

It was a bit of a squirrely round, quite literally for Rory McIlroy.

His opening tee shot was delayed when a squirrel camped right in front of him in the tee box. McIlroy finally got the shot off, hitting it wide right and into the rough en route to a bogey.

McIlroy had an eagle at 15, but three-putted 18 for a bogey and a 69. He was tied for 15th place at 8 under.

Defending champion Jordan Spieth was 3 under after a 71. He opened 63-73.

Spurs may trade Leonard to Eastern Conference team

CALIFORNIA—Last Tuesday, San Antonio Spurs star Kawhi Leonard and coach Gregg Popovich met in San Diego. It appears the Spurs are contingent on keeping Leonard or trading him to a team in the Eastern Conference, according to a Saturday report by USA Today.

"The Spurs are determined to either fix the situation or trade Leonard to an Eastern Conference team," wrote USA Today's Sam Amick. "For teams other than the Lakers, the threat of losing Leonard in free agency next summer makes the prospect of offering meaningful assets a complicated, calculated risk."

As Eastern Conference teams go, Amick referenced Philadelphia and Boston as teams that could put together packages for Leonard. They both have assets to relinquish as well as a willingness to improve and add depth to the wing position Leonard plays.

AP

San Antonio Spurs forward Kawhi Leonard (2) goes up for a shot against Detroit Pistons center Andre Drummond (0) during the fourth quarter of their game on Dec 30, 2017, in Michigan.

The current state of the relationship between Leonard and San Antonio is a result of complications between the two parties as it relations to Leonard's absence and the organization's handling of his quadriceps injury during the past year.

Leonard, a two-time All-Star and two-time Defensive Player of the Year, only played nine games in the 2017-18 season. His contract contains two more seasons — in which he's owed $41.4 million total—but Leonard will have a player option in the 2019-20 season.

Cavs talking to LeBron's management team

In Ohio, with one deadline looming on his future in Cleveland, LeBron James has been in contact with the Cavaliers through his representatives.

Following the NBA draft on Thursday night, Cavs general manager Koby Altman said he has had positive discussions with the three-time champion's group. James has until June 29 to tell the team if he will pick up his $35.6 million option for next season or become a free agent.

"We continue to have good dialogue with his management team," Altman said. "I think LeBron has more than earned the right to approach his contracts the way he does. He's done that before, so this is nothing new for us. We want to respect his space during this process and I continue to have really good dialogue with his management team as he goes through that process.

"That's probably all I can say at this point regarding him, but we don't take him for granted. We love him, this city loves him. He means the world to us and this franchise."

James led the Cavs to their fourth straight NBA Finals this season, carrying a team that endured injuries and a roster overhaul at the trading deadline. Cleveland was swept by the Golden State Warriors, and following Game 4 the 33-year-old said he would weight family concerns and his desire to win more titles into his decision.

James has signed several short-term contracts since returning to the Cavs in 2014 after spending four seasons with Miami. After the Cavs won the championship in 2016, James signed a two-year contract with an option for this season.

The Cavs can offer him a five-year, $209 million deal this time. It's possible James could choose to sign a one-year deal again with a player option and go through the free-agency dance again next summer.

To look more appealing to James, the Cavs need to upgrade their roster and they took a significant step by selecting Alabama point guard Collin Sexton with the No. 8 overall pick. Sexton averaged 19.2 points as a freshman and he addresses the club's biggest need—a playmaker to fill the void left when the Cavs traded All-Star Kyrie Irving last summer.

Altman hopes Sexton's arrival will make the Cavs more attractive to James.

The 19-year-old lacks professional experience, but Altman pointed out that James dealt with that issue this season.

"He went through it this year a little bit with some of our young guys, especially in the playoffs," Altman said. "What's amazing, he talks about this all the time—the best teacher is experience. And our young guys got some really good experience this year. And while it wasn't consistent throughout the playoffs, each guy had their moments. And we went through two Game 7s and got to a Finals, and that experience is a huge teacher for those guys.

"So that experience is amazing for them and their confidence level as they approach next year. And then Collin, we got to get there with experience as well. But like he (James) says, experience is the best teacher, and we gave those guys a great experience over 30 games and into the playoffs and into the Finals, and what does that mean for us moving forward, I think it's all really positive."

Thunder's Anthony to opt in, take $28 million

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP)—Oklahoma City Thunder forward Carmelo Anthony plans to opt in and take the $28 million he is due next season.

The New York Times first reported the 34-year-old Anthony's decision to bypass the chance to become a free agent. A person with knowledge of details confirmed Anthony's choice to The Associated Press on Friday night. The person spoke on the condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to discuss the situation publicly.

The Thunder traded for Anthony and Paul George to join Russell Westbrook before last season, moves that gave them high hopes of challenging Golden State in the West. It didn't work out as planned.

The 34-year-old Anthony had been the headliner his entire career—he's 19th in NBA history with 25,417 points—but he was more of a catch-and-shoot scorer last season instead of the isolation specialist he had always been. He averaged 16.2 points per game, but struggled at times in his new role. His playing time dwindled in the playoffs and he wasn't happy. In Game 6 of the first-round playoff series against Utah that ended Oklahoma City's season, he played fewer minutes than backup Jerami Grant.

It wasn't entirely clear if Anthony would opt in. After the season, he said he prefers to play with the ball in his hands more and said coming off the bench is "out of the question."

"So it's something I really have to think about, if I really want to be this type of player, finish out my career as this type of player, knowing that I have so much left in the tank and I bring so much to the game of basketball," he said.

Despite his confidence, the 10-time All-Star posted career lows in scoring average and field goal percentage last season. Thunder general manager Sam Presti said at the end of the season that he doesn't expect Anthony's role to change.

"I give him an enormous amount of credit for the fact that he put both feet in," Presti said. "I personally think he did an excellent job in his first year transitioning his game, working to becoming more of an off-the-ball-player, being more reliant on other people to generate his offense, and sacrificing a lot. At the same time, I think every player is entitled to take a step back after the season, reflect on the year they had, and in his case have to make a determination about whether or not this is a role that he wants to continue to be functioning in."

Djokovic says Federer favored in Wimbledon

LONDON—Novak Djokovic does not consider himself among the favourites at next month's Wimbledon and shares the popular view that defending champion Roger Federer is likely to win a record ninth trophy at the All England Club.

The Serbian, who is making a comeback from a long-term elbow injury, claimed his first victory over a top-10 opponent since last May at Queen's Club on Thursday as he thrashed Grigor Dimitrov to reach the quarter-finals.

The 12-times grand slam champion won the most recent of his three Wimbledon titles in 2015 and believes it is too soon to think about a fourth trophy at the elite tournament.

"Let's not get too ahead of ourselves too early. I'm definitely not one of the favourites for Wimbledon," Djokovic told British media.

"Roger is the clear favourite without a doubt. (Rafa) Nadal maybe hasn't played well at Wimbledon by his standards, but he's won it several times. He's definitely one of the candidates to win the title."

World number two Nadal, who last won the Wimbledon title in 2010, will enter All England Club without any competitive matches on grass this year after the Spaniard withdrew from the Fever-Tree Championships.

Djokovic also backed two-time Wimbledon champion Andy Murray, who returned from a year-long injury layoff at Queen's Club but fell to a hard-fought defeat by Australian Nick Kyrgios, to make an impact.

"Andy (Murray) and myself if we play well (can be contenders). We dropped in the rankings, but Andy played really well against Nick Kyrgios here," Djokovic added.

"He has home support, things can go in a good direction if he plays well at Wimbledon."

Tenorio, Oh score most goals in 2018 Spring M-League

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MP United Football Club's Sunjoon Tenorio and Korean Football Association on Saipan's Juan Oh recorded the most goals in the 2018 Spring M-League that concluded early this month.

Tenorio had 22 goals to lead Division A, while Oh tallied 23 in Division B.

Tenorio earned more than half of MP United's total goals for the season, as the team made 40 and yielded only 5—the least allowed by any team in the entire league.

The MP United striker was the lone player in the division to score at least 20 goals, as second placer and TanHoldings' Martin Jambor recorded only 11. MP United's Anthony Fruit had 7, while Paire's Jonathan Takano and the Teen Ayuyus' Rintaro Miyawaki earned 6 each, and TanHoldings' Jersh Angeles, Winners' Junsik Kim, and Paire's Daniel Agulto collected 5 apiece.

In Division B, Oh's 23 (out of KFAS' 76) beat the 17 each of Matansa's Amzad Khan and the former's teammate Oliver Lee. Edwin Kim, also of KFAS, made 11, while Pacific Islands Club's Albert Bergancia rounded out the Top 5 with his 10 goals.

KFAS finished first in Division B after the elimination with its 9-0-1 win-draw-loss record, but ended up in third place as it lost to Shirley's in the semifinals. Matansa ruled Division A following a 3-0 victory over Shirley's in the finals.

In Division A, MP United topped the regular season with its 8-1-0 win-draw-loss record and also ruled the group after edging Paire FC in their title game, 1-0.

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The Germans ran to Kroos and erupted in emotional relief.

"Happy of course. It was a tough game again today for us," Kroos said. "We suffered. ... If you don't score an early goal and we have the chances then it's going to be difficult until the end. It was, but now of course we're happy because I think we also deserved the victory."

Coming off an opening loss to Mexico, Germany fell behind again when Kroos' early mistake led to Ola Toivonen's goal in the 32nd minute. Reus equalized in the 48th. A point for a draw would have been enough to stay alive for the knockout stage, but the Germans would have needed help on the final day.

Now Germany has some control of what happens. Mexico leads Group F with six points, and Germany and Sweden both have three. Mexico faces Sweden and Germany takes on winless South Korea in the final group matches.

"Of course this was a thriller, full of emotions and a rollercoaster ride right up until the final whistle," Germany coach Joachim Loew said.

Crazy as it seems, all four teams still have a chance to advance on the final day.

"There's nothing strange to get ready for that match," Sweden coach Janne Andersson said. "We still have an excellent opportunity to qualify."

For 90-plus minutes, Germany looked as if it would enter the final match facing the same possible fate as Spain and Italy and potentially become the third straight defending champion to fail to reach the knockout stage. They played the final 10 minutes without Boateng.

Toivonen gave Sweden the lead, but Germany controlled every aspect by playing aggressive and attacking soccer. Germany forced Sweden to play defensively for almost the entire second half and eventually the attack paid off.

"Something that I did appreciate today was that we didn't lose our nerve, we didn't panic after going down after conceding a goal," Loew said. "We kept a level head."

Reus scored to pull Germany even, finishing Timo Werner's cross that was tapped by halftime substitute Mario Gomez and caused the ball to pop up perfectly for Reus to finish with his leg.

Olsen made a major save by stopping Gomez's header in the 88th minute and Julian Brandt hit the post in the 90th, but he had no chance at Kroos' strike.

"This is probably heaviest conclusion that I've experienced in my career," Andersson said.

Belgium 5, Tunisia 2

Belgium seems to be getting better and better—maybe even the best yet at the World Cup.

It's still early, but a hugely talented Belgian squad made a big statement in its rout of Tunisia. No team has scored more goals than Belgium's eight, and only Cristiano Ronaldo can match Romelu Lukaku's tally of four.

Belgium has yet to face South American or European opposition, however, and playing England on Thursday should decide who advances to the round of 16 as the winner of Group H.

"In the end, we need to play better teams and have better focus," said Lukaku, who has scored two goals in each of Belgium's two victories.

No player has had back-to-back World Cup games like that since Diego Maradona in 1986, though Argentina's iconic captain did it in the quarterfinals and semifinals—against Belgium—before lifting the trophy.

Mexico 2, South Korea 1

The criticism of Mexico's national team heading into the World Cup was loud and scathing. The answer has been emphatic.

The Mexicans won their second straight match at the tournament, beating South Korea to move ever closer to a spot in the round of 16.

"We didn't listen to the criticism," said Javier Hernandez, one of the scorers against South Korea. "It was just noise."

Mexico opened its World Cup by upsetting defending champion Germany 1-0. A second victory on Saturday gives it six points and a chance to win Group F on Wednesday when the team faces Sweden.

"We want the Mexican people to enjoy this. We are going to enjoy it," Hernandez said. "But as of tomorrow we will be working hard thinking about Sweden and regardless of the results of the matches against Germany and South Korea, we are going to go out there to get the three points."

Bad news for Messi, Argentina

They are hardly the words Lionel Messi and Argentina wanted to hear with their World Cup future hanging in the balance.

Dejan Lovren raised the likelihood of Croatia resting players for its last group game against Iceland, as much to protect the six who are threatened by suspension via an accumulation of yellow cards than to rest anyone ahead the knockout stage.

That is bad news for Argentina, which needs to beat Nigeria in St. Petersburg and hope that Croatia avoids a loss against Iceland in Rostov in games that are being played simultaneously. Croatia is already guaranteed a place in the last 16 after two wins, while Argentina and Iceland are tied on one point.

"I fully understand Argentina's concerns and their wish for us to play a full team for the next game as well," Lovren said through a translator Sunday at Croatia's training base in Roschino, outside St. Petersburg.

"But we must also think about the fact that we should not be playing the players who have yellow cards. That's also our concern we need to keep in mind. The head coach is the one who will make the final decision. All of our players are ready."

Ivan Rakitic, Ante Rebic, Sime Vrsaljko, Mario Mandzukic, Marcelo Brozovic and Vedran Corluka are the six Croatia players who are one booking away from being suspended for the last 16. And with the Croats heavy favorites to top the group, coach Zlatko Dalic could yet play a virtual reserve side against Iceland. Players who have received one caution have it erased after the group stage. A second yellow card in the group stages means a suspension.

Having beaten Argentina 3-0 on Thursday to cause one of the biggest tremors so far at this World Cup, Croatia would be dealing another hammer blow to Argentina's ambitions.

Croatia's first-choice lineup is full of stars playing at Europe's top clubs, such as Luka Modric (Real Madrid), Ivan Rakitic (Barcelona) and Mario Mandzukic (Juventus), but the back-ups have had little exposure at major tournaments.

"No matter who is playing," second-choice goalkeeper Lovre Kalinic, who could get a start ahead of Danijel Subasic, said, "no matter who is in the first XI or not, we will try to continue and get three points."

With back-to-back wins, five goals scored and none conceded, Croatia has been one of the most impressive teams in Russia—so much so that some are starting to talk of Dalic's side as an unlikely world champion.

Especially with the likes of Argentina, Brazil and Germany heading into their last group games still not sure of advancing.

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enth. Cabrera had a full count and decided to take on Teregeyo's sixth pitch, but came up with an empty swing.

Next at bat for the Falcons was Alex Yaguel, who let go of Tegegeyo's first two pitches before making contact with the ball for a grounder to first. Comets 1 first baseman Justin Magofna first struggled to pick up the ball, but still got it before Yaguel reached the base, moving his team one out away from wrapping up the one-sided game and grabbing the division title from the Falcons.

With two outs, all eyes were focused on the Falcons' Clifton Norita, who also connected on a grounder with the ball heading down third base and the Comets 1's Nate Aizon picking it up and throwing to Magofna for the third out and their squad's finals win.

The Comets 1 started the finale with a 3-0 lead, thanks to Bing Nakamura's two-run triple at the bottom of the first inning. Nakamura also reached off Teregeyo's sacrifice fly.

The Falcons had chances to score at the bottom of the first inning, but were frustrated by the Comets 1's defense. Taisei Desebel managed to make it to third off a walk and errors, but was tagged out at home by Comets 1 catcher Jay Lifoifoi. Keoni Serrano also reached third, while Jonathan Riungel was at first with two outs, but they were left stranded when Comets 1 center fielder Justin Agulto caught a fly ball from Lucio Aldan to end the inning.

After the missed opportunities, the Falcons tried anew in the second inning and scored their only run in the finals with Yaguel's single bringing Cabrera home. The three-time champion then had two runners stuck again when Desebel flied out at left field.

The Falcons continued to struggle against the Comets 1's defense, while the latter scored three runs in the third and fourth to gain more cushion en route to the title win.

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more people competing not only in the Pacific, but also in other regional and international tournaments," Winkfield said.

Kento, the senior member of the team, is excited to work with Yap children and share his knowledge in swimming.

"It's hard to teach swimming in open water, but I will do my best. I am excited to meet kids in Yap and teach them about the sport that I like and love," Kento said.

Meanwhile, Winkfield said the CNMI swimmers will make the most out of the open water race competition with the absence of the usual swimming contest.

He said they initially prepared for swim races in the pool after the organizing committee said that a facility will be built for the competition. However, in February this year, they were told no pool will be constructed and the open water swim was just included into the Micro Games' calendar with the prodding from Palau and CNMI.

"We continued to train in the pool and in open water despite some confusion in the events for the Micro Games. We don't know the water conditions in Yap, but we're ready

25th Silver Streak Fun Run

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Participants head out to the course during the 25th Tom Picarro Memorial Fun Run, also known as "Silver Streak," held last June 16.

The third wave of runners proceeds south of Beach Road for the seven-kilometer race.

Tania Tan, left, and Therize Millare keep each others company as they run back to the start/finish line.

Leowell Castillo heads back to the start/finish line.

Barefoot runner Chang Whan Jang makes his way back to the start/finish line.

Veteran runner Noriko Jim keeps a steady pace.

From left, Rommel, Tobi, and Filmah Buenaflor pose for the camera on their way out to the course.

Wolf Mojica, third left, is one of the pioneer organizers of the race held in honor of former DFS Saipan president Tom Picarro. He returned to Saipan to do the race for the last time.

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Comets 1 dethrones Falcons

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Comets 1 players celebrate after beating the Falcons, 8-1, in their title game in the Junior League division of the 2018 Saipan Little League Baseball yesterday at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.

The Comets 1 ended the Talaabwogh Falcons' reign in the Junior League after earning an 8-1 victory in their title rematch in the 2018 Saipan Little League Baseball yesterday at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.

Pitchers Bing Nakamura and Reid Teregeyo towed the Comets 1 to the easy win, which avenged the squad's 2-8 loss to the same team in the finals last season. Besides getting even with the Falcons, the Comets 1 also foiled the latter's bid for an unprecedented fourth straight title in the division.

Nakamura started for the Comets 1, giving up only one earned run and two hits in the 5.1 innings he worked the mound. Teregeyo then made the most out of his short pitching duties, shutting down the Falcons and striking out three batters.

Teregeyo also went 2-for-4 at bat and scored two runs and three RBIs with his two-run triple at the bottom of the sixth inning widening their gap and putting more pressure on the dethroned champions going into the top of the seventh and last inning.

The Comets 1 closer, who started his shift at the top of the fifth by striking out Chris Achas and followed it up with another K on Willy Cabrera for the third out, also fanned Cabrera, who led off for the Falcons at the top of the sev-

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CNMI swimmers to hold clinic in Yap

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Living up to the 2018 Micronesian Games' theme "more than just games," the CNMI National Swimming Team will hold a swim clinic in Yap.

"We will be staying in Yap for a week and after the open water swim, we and Palau will be conducting swim lessons to young kids in Yap," head coach Jacoby Winkfield said in an interview with *Saipan Tribune* last week before they left for Papua New Guinea to compete in the 12th Oceania Swimming Championships.

Winkfield and swimmers Kento and Taiyo Akimaru, Lennosuke and Jinnosuke Suzuki, Juhn Tenorio, Nelson Batallones, Anthony Camacho-Deleon Guerrero, Kiana Villagomez, Sophia Gauran, and David Boyer will leave Saipan for Yap on July 17. The open water swim will be held on June 20 and 21 at the Marina Bay in Colonia.

"We have the biggest swimming pool—the ocean—in the Pacific and it's just disappointing to find out that children in Yap are not into swimming. We should promote the sport in our region so we will have

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CNMI National Swimming Team coach Jacoby Winkfield, right, joins his Micronesian Games-bound swimmers for a group photo after their training session in Susupe last week.

Kroos saves day for Germany

SOCHI, Russia (AP)—The desperate world champions from Germany were seconds from losing control of their World Cup fate when Toni Kroos whispered to Marco Reus just outside Sweden's penalty area.

With the score tied in the fifth minute of stoppage time, Kroos seemed to remind Reus of a tricky set play from training that will live in World Cup lore.

Down to 10 men after Jerome Boateng was given a second yellow card, Germany rallied for a 2-1 victory over Sweden on Saturday to suddenly revive its title defense thanks to a strike from Kroos that caught the Swedes by surprise and won't soon be forgotten in Germany.

"The fact Toni Kroos put it away is just incredible," Reus said. "He's shown that talent on previous occasions but really in this case it was practically the very last opportunity to win this match."

Kroos lined up for a free kick as if he was going for goal but just tapped the ball to Reus, who held it with his toe as the defenders paused. Kroos swung his right foot, curling the ball past a spinning Sebastian Larsson and over the outstretched hand of diving goalkeeper Robin Olsen.

The Swedes watched the ball go in, mouths open in disbelief.

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Germany's Thomas Mueller, left, and Sweden's Emil Forsberg, center, fight for the ball during their group F match at the 2018 soccer World Cup in the Fisht Stadium in Sochi, Russia, Saturday, June 23, 2018.
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